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Gold jumps to $173

LONDON (UPI). — The price of gold hit record levels all over Europe yesterday. It jumped $6.50 an ounce in London, reaching $169.50. In Paris, the gold price rose nearly $5 an ounce, to close at $173.17 an ounce, the highest price ever recorded.

Dealers said two new factors fuelled the great gold rush yesterday. First, the price has developed a momentum of its own, quite apart from outside factors like mistrust of paper money. Secondly, everybody is betting the price will go higher still.

As a result, nobody is selling — and that drives up the price still more. "There's an almost total absence of sellers," one London dealer said.

The U.S. dollar, which normally sinks when gold rises, reversed the trend yesterday on world money markets, and in the process turned around from a string of consecutive losses. It moved upward to $2.29625 to the British pound by late afternoon in London.

The dollar moved in Frankfurt from 2.6545 marks in the morning to 2.6755 marks by closing time.

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Fifty-six Egyptian PoWs returned

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Fifty-six Egyptian prisoners of war were repatriated via the Balouza-Kantara checkpoint at noon yesterday. The group was the third and last to be repatriated under the terms of the disengagement agreement. It consisted entirely of men captured after the cease-fire with Egypt went into effect (inside Sinai and within the Israeli enclave west of the Suez Canal).

Israel returned 22 Egyptian PoWs on February 2, 15 on February 14, six on January 24.

Six Egyptians were also slown to Fayid on January 24 and taken from there in Red Cross vehicles.

Yesterday's operation, similar to the two preceeding ones, was carried out under the supervision and of the International Red Cross.

There are no more Egyptians held by Israel.

Kissinger to confer with Assad in Damascus tonight

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is expected to confer with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus tonight in an attempt to end the impasse over military disengagement between Syria and Israel.

Israel is insisting that it be given a list of prisoners and that they be allowed Red Cross visits as a precondition for disengagement negotiations. Syria demands that military disengagement be a part of an overall Middle East settlement, involving also an Israeli pullback on the Golan Heights.

Dr. Kissinger will be flying into Damascus from London. During his Middle East visit Dr. Kissinger is expected also to tackle the question of the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. His new Middle East trip, the fourth since the October war, is planned to include Israel, Egypt and possibly Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The outcome of the tour appeared yesterday to be shrouded in uncertainty, especially the chances of Syrian moderation. The itinerary was also indefinite, although Dr. Kissinger is expected in Jerusalem tomorrow.

On leaving Washington yesterday, the Secretary of State declined to assess the outlook, although his deputy, Joseph Sisco, expressed the belief there was an "unparalleled opportunity" for yet another step towards promoting a Middle East settlement.

The prospects of success for Dr. Kissinger's latest mission are believed to be dependent largely on his talks on Thursday with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, whose government was earlier said to be seeking a major role in Syrian-Israeli military negotiations.

Dr. Kissinger's journey to the Middle East region has been preceded by intensified contacts between Washington and various capitals, including Damascus, Jerusalem, Cairo and Moscow. As part of these contacts, President Nixon and Kissinger met with the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministers, who were sent to Washington after last week's "Big Four" Arab summit, attended by Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Algeria. Dr. Kissinger had talks too with Syria's new chief diplomat in Washington, Sabah Kabbani.

Shortly before taking off for the Middle East, Kissinger held further talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, who returned home from the U.S. only yesterday. Speaking to newsmen at Cairo airport on his arrival, Fahmy said Egypt was acting on the basis that "the Syrian and Egyptian fronts are one — militarily and politically."

Commenting on a possible troop disengagement on the Syrian front, Fahmy said that Cairo was "as much responsible as Damascus," indicating that Egypt might as well try to persuade Syria to accept a military disengagement — in line with the Israel-Egyptian separation of forces — to facilitate the opening of the second stage of the Geneva peace talks.

TO SEE HEATH

The Post's London correspondent reports that Dr. Kissinger arrived in Britain last night and would consult today with Premier Heath and the Foreign Secretary before flying on to Damascus in the afternoon.

He will also meet in London with Lord Carrington, the Secretary of State for Energy.

Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Simha Dinitz, who is due in Jerusalem for the Kissinger visit said yesterday it may be the beginning, but not the end, of a process of negotiation on the separation of forces with Syria. Interviewed on Israel's TV's Mabat newsreel, he said that further visits by the Secretary of State were possible.

Mr. Dinitz said that in his estimation, there was a readiness on Syria's part for negotiations on separation of forces. But he warned that for the talks to get anywhere, the Syrians would have to realize that matters must be tackled as they are, and they should not attempt to imitate arrangements made elsewhere. He enumerated the differences between the Syrian and Egyptian fronts in this connection.

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger waves as he boards plane yesterday for London, en route for Damascus. (AP radiophoto)

Factions meet today to decide stand on narrow coalition

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The future of Mrs. Golda Meir's prospective "narrow" coalition will be determined today in committee rooms, for all practical purposes, when the Rafi wing of Labour and the National Religious Party's Knesset faction each meet to decide how they will vote in the House, when the coalition is presented.

Mrs. Meir is due to announce the composition of her new Cabinet to President Ephraim Katzir tomorrow. She will probably announce her Cabinet in the Knesset next Monday.

Yesterday morning, she met her "safe" coalition partners, the Independent Liberal Party, and accepted their demand for two ministers in the next Cabinet, by promising one Minister with Portfolio, and one without Portfolio. They are *to be Moshe Kol and Gideon Hausner.*

(At their Central Committee meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday, the Independent Liberals decided to accept Mrs. Meir's conditions for joining the new Cabinet by a vote of 139 to five, with 10 abstentions.

(The choice of Mr. Hausner is a deliberate bid for the Justice portfolio, which was held by an ILP man, Pinhas Rosen, for 12 years. However it is believed that the Independent Liberals will not withdraw their support from Mrs. Meir if Mr. Hausner remains a Minister without Portfolio.

(The opposition to joining the Cabinet was voiced by three speakers only, who said they represented the "youth.")

Discussing the policy programme with the ILP leadership, Mrs. Meir suggested that the private member's bill on civil marriage for Jews disqualified from marrying here for halachic reasons (the Hausner bill) be postponed for one year.

(At the end of this one-year moratorium, in any case, according to Haim Zadok's plan in his talks with the NRP, the Committee of Ministers probing the "Who's a Jew" controversy about halachic conversions to Judaism would also have submitted its recommendations.)

The 80 members of the Rafi wing in the Labour Party Central Committee are due to meet this afternoon at the demand of a number of members who challenge the commitment given by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Transport Minister Shimon Peres to Mrs. Meir last week that Rafi will vote for her narrow coalition, even though these two leaders are not in the Cabinet.

Some argue that it is hypocritical to support the Cabinet but refuse to join it, while others claim that by *staying out of the Cabinet,* Rafi will be moving over to the sidelines and risking "political suicide" as they put it.

Rafi figures in the Knesset voiced a wide range of opinions. Some see this afternoon's meeting as a last chance to pressure Dayan and Peres to relent and re-enter the coalition.

Another Rafi M.K. said that if a motion for their wing to abstain in the Knesset next Monday happened to win a majority, the seven Rafi wing Knesset Members could not possibly honour that decision en bloc.

"Most will back Mrs. Meir. One, or two at most, might abstain," *The Post* was told.

The general view in the Rafi wing of Labour did not appear to give priority to a national unity coalition. But one trial balloon being hoisted was that Mrs. Meir — discouraged by the possibility of Rafi defectors reducing her support from 58 M.K.s to around 55 — might decide not to present her new Government at all.

This would result in her declaring the present Government a transitional one, to run for a few months till the next elections. No Ministers, Dayan and Peres included, could resign from such a Government. At the same time, they would still be involved in the important political decisions to be taken regarding Syria and Egypt.

The best guess as to Rafi's decision today, was that a small majority would uphold the Dayan-Peres commitment to support Mrs. Meir's narrow coalition.

Dayan was expected to struggle hard to persuade his Rafi comrades to remain loyal to Mrs. Meir as the Labour choice for Premier, and therefore give her their vote of confidence. He may make a second bid to persuade Peres to enter the Cabinet alone on behalf of Rafi — a bid which Peres turned down once already, on the argument that the same party conditions which made Cabinet membership impossible for Dayan, make it impossible for him, too.

Meanwhile, the 39-man Likud Knesset faction, meeting last night, voted unanimously to establish contact with all parliamentary and public elements which favoured the formation of a national unity coalition. The purpose would be to collaborate to attain "an objective sought by the majority of the nation — and the Knesset too" — the Likud decided.

The Likud decision did not specify which party should head the wide coalition. So far, the Alignment, the New Communists and Moked are on record as opposing a national unity coalition.

NRP OPINIONS DIVIDED

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party's Knesset faction is to decide today whether to abstain or to vote against the *new minority government* which Mrs. Golda Meir will present to the House next week. The Prime Minister and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir have demanded to know in advance what the NRP position will be. If the NRP decided to vote against the government, Mrs. Meir might well decide on new elections rather than head a government relying on the goodwill of Shulamit Aloni or Rakah, political observers believe.

Within the NRP faction opinions were still divided yesterday. Interior Minister Yosef Burg, leader of the largest NRP grouping, Lamifne, was reported to be steadfast in his view that the NRP should vote against the government. This, his followers argued, was the logical and democratically correct consequence of the NRP's decision last week not to join the new coalition over the "Who is a Jew" question.

Dr. Burg and his supporters were aware that their view, if it prevailed in the NRP, might lead to early elections — and they were apparently not perturbed by this prospect.

Dr. Yitzhak Rafael, leader of the second-largest grouping within the religious party, was among those who counselled abstention in the vote of confidence. Their argument was that the NRP would retain its power to force new elections and would be able to exercise it whenever it chose. But meanwhile it should give Labour another chance to produce an acceptable compromise on "Who is a Jew". Only if Labour failed within, say, one month to offer anything substantive on this issue should the NRP then consider moving to topple the government and force elections.

The compromise which these NRP members had in mind would entail the (NRP) Minister for Interior issuing regulations on the strict application of an halachic definition of conversion to Jews seeking citizenship under the Law of Return. (This is the de facto situation at present, which the regulations would make de jure.) The Law itself would not be amended. If a test-case, however, were taken to the High Court and the decision went against the halachic definition — then the government would actually amend the Law.

Such a compromise — with an iron-clad Labour undertaking to amend the Law should the High Court hold against the halachic definition — would satisfy the Chief Rabbinate Council, say NRP sources.

The trouble, of course, is that Labour is not prepared to make any such undertaking — principally because the Independent Liberals (and probably Mapam) would oppose it. Some NRP members believe, nevertheless, that in time the ILP could be won round, and that at any rate it is worth NRP's while to hold off voting against the new government for a few weeks to see what develops.

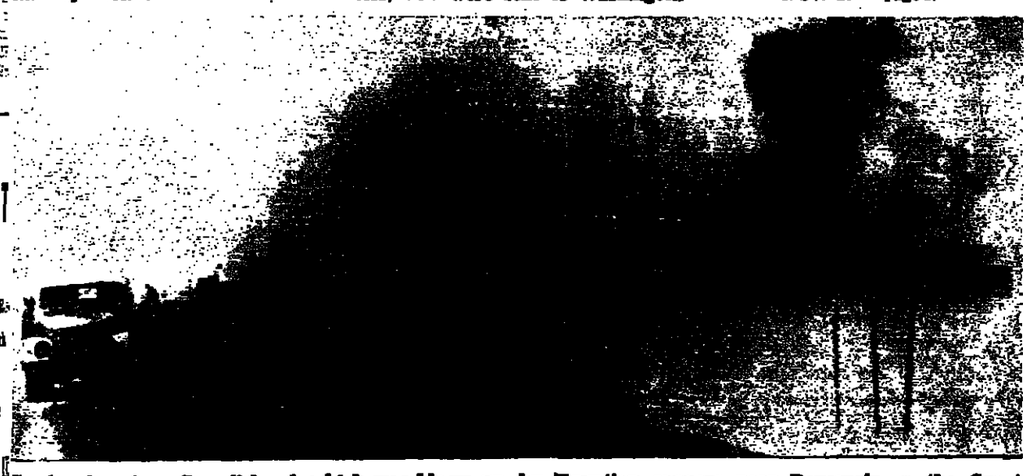
The debate within the NRP over whether to cause the stillbirth of the minority government or let it live at least for a while is influenced by the various members' assessments of their party's hopes in early elections. Those who feel that its refusal to join the government over "Who is a Jew" will attract the hitherto unmobilized religious voter, are inclined to favour early elections. Others fear that the party did itself more harm than good by its manoeuvring during the coalition talks and by its last-minute involvement of the Chief Rabbinate.

Unconfirmed reports last night had it that Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who led the Chief Rabbinate Council last week in vetoing NRP's joining the government, was still seeking ways out of the impasse. One top NRP source said he knew that Rabbi Goren felt that "not all avenues had been explored." But this same source said that he personally knew of no new initiatives by the Chief Rabbi.

One factor weighing heavily with the NRP faction today when it decides how to vote will be its assessment of the final intentions of the ex-Rafi faction within Labour. If Rafi — or part of it — decides to abstain in the vote, this would influence some NRP members to vote against the government with the aim of catalyzing the incipient split in the Labour Party. If, however, Labour closes its ranks and all of Rafi votes with the government, then these NRP members will think twice before urging their party to oppose the government and thereby immeasurably widen the breach with Labour.

The "Young Guard" within the NRP — M.K.s Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir — professed itself undecided and was evidently watching developments in Rafi with extreme interest.

Mr. Ben-Meir took exception to Premier Meir's statement of Sunday night that the NRP "Young Guard" was naturally more inclined towards Likud than towards Labour. "With all due respect, the Premier is regrettably mistaken," he said. "We have no *a priori* inclination towards Likud or towards the Alignment. On many political and defence issues we are closer to Likud. On social issues, on settlement and pioneering, we are closer to Labour. Our fight within the NRP is against an *a priori* inclination towards Labour. Our demand for a national unity cabinet is not prompted by any desire to see Likud's triumph — but by the real desire of the nation."



Smoke rises from Israeli bomb which was blown up by Egyptian sappers near Deversoir on the Great Bitter Lake in preparation for what reports yesterday said was the reopening of the Suez Canal. (AP radiophoto)

Elazar, Siilasvuo meet today

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Chief of Staff David Elazar will this afternoon meet the commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, General Ensio Siilasvuo, as both Israel and Egypt are now engaged in the fifth and last phase of their military *disengagement*, scheduled to be completed on March 5.

Gen. Siilasvuo arrived in Jerusalem on Sunday night and is to return to Cairo tomorrow for talks with the Egyptian Chief of Staff, General Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamasy.

The fifth phase of the disengagement involves the thinning out of both Israeli and Egyptian forces along belts stretching on the opposite sides of a UN-controlled buffer zone extending east of the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Suez.

This phase mainly involves Egypt's Second Army, whose thinning out is now being inspected by Unef units already in position from a point east of Port Said south to Kantara. By March 5, the Egyptians will have withdrawn most of their military strength on the eastern side of the Canal, including missile bases, to leave a maximum number of 7,000 troops, 30 tanks and twice the number of guns.

After March 5, the UN will make an overall inspection and will submit reports to Israel, Egypt and the UN on March 9.

Israel and Egypt were expected to exchange more bodies today and tomorrow. So far 145 bodies of Israeli soldiers have been returned against 212 Egyptian bodies under this exchange. The search for bodies on both sides continues to be carried out by nine teams including Israeli, Egyptian, U.N. and Red Cross representatives. They are being assisted by specially-trained dogs brought from Britain.

U.N. sources yesterday said that the disengagement was being accomplished without hitches and that in contrast to the early stages there have been no reports of any incidents in the past few days.

On their part, the Egyptians said they have begun clearing operations along the Suez Canal, first concentrating on the removal of mines and trapped ships at the Great Bitter Lakes.

A spokesman for the U.S. diplomatic representation in Cairo yesterday said that a team of six American army and navy engineers were now in Egypt studying ways of clearing the Suez waterway of mines, shells and other explosives.

The team, headed by Navy Capt. J. Sheehy, has already visited the northern sector of the Suez Canal including Port Said and Ismailiya. They were scheduled to inspect the Bitter Lakes and Suez town zones yesterday and today.

The American experts were reported to be in contact with the state-controlled Suez Canal Authority. The team is scheduled to return to Washington next week to submit a report.

UPI reported from New Delhi that President Sadat said yesterday that work has begun on reopening the Suez Canal. He said there are difficulties because of "a lot of explosives" but hoped it would "be prepared for reopening in a very short time."

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Meany may call for oil firm takeovers

BAL HARBOUR, Florida (Reuter). — America's powerful AFL-CIO is considering calling for the nationalisation of the U.S. oil industry, labour leader George Meany said yesterday. Mr. Meany, president of the labour federation, told a press conference after a week-long meeting of council, that the move had been discussed and "we will most likely discuss it again."

52% don't want new elections

TEL AVIV. — A Dahaf opinion poll yesterday showed that 52 per cent of the public do not want new elections to be held shortly, while 44.3 per cent do not want a minority government.

New elections were justified by 30.7 per cent while 17.3 p.c. claimed they did not know.

However, 22.7 per cent justified the setting up of a minority government, and 20.5 per cent held that "there is no other choice." The rest had no opinion.

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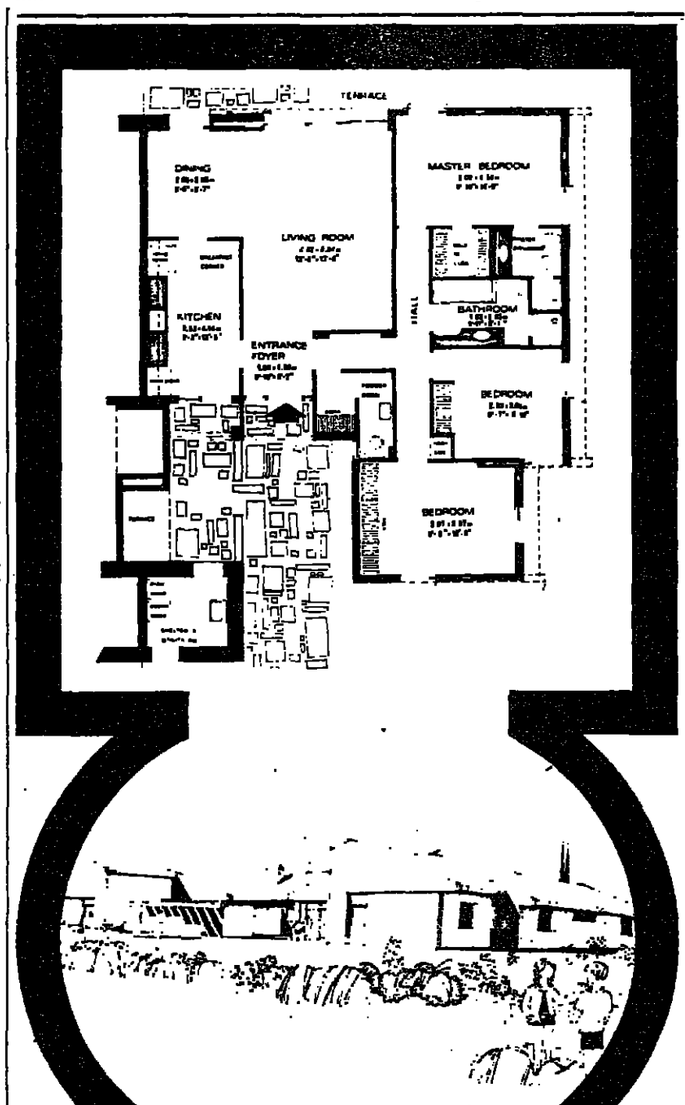

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Possibility of heavy local rains.

Weather synopsis: Low over eastern and central Mediterranean.

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Jerusalem	32	10—15	8—14
Golan	52	5—12	4—11
Nahariya	63	9—21	9—20
Safad	56	7—14	6—12
Haifa	53	11—20	10—20
Tiberias	77	11—21	10—20
Nazareth	46	11—17	9—17
Afula	41	9—20	8—19
Shomron	40	11—16	9—16
Tel Aviv	45	14—20	10—19
Lod	31	10—21	8—20
Jericho	50	11—23	10—21
Gaza	62	12—20	10—19
Beersheba	31	11—20	9—20
Eilat	27	15—24	14—23
Tiran	41	19—22	19—22

Social and Personal

Thirty-five newspaper editors from 18 Latin American countries yesterday began a 10 day seminar in Israel with a reception given by President Katzir at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

At the opening session of the seminar at the Van Leer Institute last night, the guests heard lectures on the Israeli press by the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Ted R. Lurie, representing the Israel Editors Committee; Dan Patir, of "Davar," chairman of the Israel Journalists Association and Moshe Zak of "Ma'ariv."

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Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev met yesterday with Danish Ambassador Sven Ebbesen. They spoke about the commercial ties between the two countries and ways of expanding them.

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The Massachusetts pylon of the Kennedy Memorial in the hills of Jerusalem was dedicated Feb. 24, 1974 by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sutenberg of Newton, Massachusetts. Participating in the ceremony were members of the Newton Temple Emmanuel congregation led by Rabbi Chiel, representatives of the JNF in Israel and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

ARRIVALS

Eric M. Flanders, Montreal president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, for the University's Board of Governors' meeting.

Hyman Bessin, of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University, and Mrs. Bessin, from Ottawa, on a short visit.

Eban denies secret pact to limit Soviet 'aliya'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban dismissed as beneath parliamentary notice suggestions by the Likud's Geula Cohen that some secret agreement existed between Israel and the Soviet Union to restrict the flow of immigration to Israel, or to prevent excessive publicity about *aliya* activists whose applications to leave were turned down.

He was replying to her urgent motion for the agenda about the hunger strike of the three activists in Moscow — David Rubin, Vitali Azbel and Vladimir Galatski. The Foreign Minister agreed forthwith that *the Knesset should hold a plenum* debate on the curbs against *aliya* activists.

Mr. Eban said the hunger strike is only the tip of the iceberg. He knew of many more cases of applicants for emigration who are in sore straits in the Soviet Union, he said.

Jewish scientists denied permission to emigrate are probably worst off, Eban believed, because they are *prevented from pursuing* their research, they lose contact with their profession, and they become increasingly frustrated.

Although the tide *of aliya* has increased during the past three years, Eban said, the sufferings of those Jews still prevented from leaving must not be forgotten. The Government of Israel appealed to the Government of the Soviet Union to release the "Prisoners of Zion" and let all those Soviet Jews leave who wish to do so.

After the motion was voted, the Foreign Minister received a delegation of six Soviet immigrants who are currently hunger-striking at the Western Wall in Jerusalem in sympathy with Rubin, Azbel and Galatski. He promised them to promote a worldwide drive on behalf of the Moscow activists, and to have their appeals widely disseminated in Hebrew and in English.

The delegation told *The Post* that *Geula Cohen was right in stirring* the Israeli authorities to more energetic action on behalf of would-be immigrants. They said that they had the impression the authorities here wanted to keep the outcry within certain limits.

In her motion, Geula Cohen quoted The Jerusalem Post of February 1, reporting Leonid Brezhnev's statement to Jewish demonstrators on his way back home from Cuba. He had said that Israel and Russia had a secret agreement that no more Jews *would be allowed to emigrate each* year than what Israel could physically absorb.

Moscow fast ends 11th day

By COLIN SHINDLER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON. — The hunger strike of the three Jewish specialists — David Azbel, Vitaly Rubin and Vladimir Galatsky — went into its 11th day yesterday in Moscow.

Both Azbel, a chemistry professor and Rubin, a specialist in ancient Chinese philosophy, were reportedly "weak but determined."

Thousands of telegrams and letters sent by well-wishers and supporters all over the world have not been delivered, including a message of solidarity from President Ephraim Katzir.

When the fasters heard about this, they sent a thank you message back, which contained an indignant protest to the Soviet authorities about the undelivered message.

Another hunger strike started Friday afternoon in the central telegraphic office in Kishinev.

Four Jews, Mark Abramovich, Sender Levinson, Leonid Bendersky and Ya'akov Shwartzman, who have been refused permission to emigrate because they served in the Red Army many years ago, began their protest at five in the afternoon. At seven, several squads of militia arrived and arrested them plus two other Kishinev activists, Dorfman, and Starkman.

Eban calls for 'Lahore-like Jewish unity'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday that the answer to Arab solidarity expressed at the Lahore summit must be increased solidarity between Israel's Jewry and that of the Diaspora.

Mr. Eban was addressing 130 delegates to the American Jewish Congress convention at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. The convention opened in New York and continued with a seven-day stay in Israel, during which delegates were briefed by Government leaders, educators and intellectuals. The group, headed by National Governing Council co-chairwoman Jacqueline Levine of West Orange, New Jersey, returns to the U.S. today.

HAVIV SHIMONI

New Labour M.K. seated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Alignment's Haviv Shimoni yesterday took the Knesset seat left vacant by the *sudden death* of Abdul Aziz Zuabi — the late Deputy Health Minister.

After Shimoni took his oath of office at the start of the session at four p.m., Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, who answered parliamentary questions, *said that although* Shimoni had not yet made his maiden speech, he wanted to felicitate him.

Shimoni is a head of Jerusalem's Kurdish community and an Alignment councillor in the Jerusalem Municipality. He belongs to the ex-Mapai *wing of* Labour in the Alignment.

ERRATIC SPRING WEATHER LED TO MIS-FORECAST

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGON. — Today's outlook: hazy— with rain possible in the north. If you get caught in a *sharav* with your umbrella or in a deluge without one — don't blame the weatherman. It's spring and it's spring weather that is to blame for the erratic weather pattern of the past few days, the weatherman says.

Once again earlier *forecasts* were wide off the mark yesterday as heavy rainfalls, initially predicted, failed to materialize. The promising "low" over Rhodes which had been moving our way — moved off in the wrong direction, northwards.

Instead, Israel fell victim to a typical desert "trough" which came in whirling from the south and south-east and deposited *a layer of* fine red dust over most parts of the country. The high winds also caused *extensive* damage to citrus plantations and early flowering deciduous orchards in the central and southern parts of the country.

But at least the water authorities are satisfied with the rainfall, in spite of the fact that there have been only average *yields in the north*, the most important water catchment area.

By yesterday morning, Haifa had a total of 473 millimetres — about average for this time of the year. Tel Aviv was substantially ahead with 513 mms. *Ben-Gurion Airport* had already overshot its normal annual average by some 200 mms. to read a total of 729 mms. This also applied to Jerusalem, which had a total of 701 mms. up to eight a.m. yesterday (total annual average in the Romema Quarter, *Jerusalem, is* 549 mms.).

Beersheba had 247 mms. of rain — some 40 mms. over its total annual average and Eilat 41 mms. — almost double what it usually gets.

Lake Kinneret has already risen by one and a half metres this winter and now stands at 210.080 metres (below sea level). This is only 120 centimetres short of the maximum level. Mekorot expects that at least half of this quantity is assured (melting snow from the Hermon) and that additional rainfalls this and next month will account for the rest.

Rain-water basins in the north are full. The Menashe Lake already holds some 12 million cubic metres and the Kfar Baruch reservoir some eight million. Small basins in the southern and centr parts of the country are *also fu* and there is a marked improveme in the level of the undergrou water table, especially *in the* ce tral and southern parts of the cou try, Mekorot spokesman Mordech *Jacobovitz* told *The Jerusalem P* here yesterday.

For the time being the decisi curtailing national water quotas some ten per cent during the summer season of 1974 still stan "But some more good rainfall m bring about a partial revision the restrictions" he said.

Dayan: 37 killed since cease-fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thirty-seven Israelis were killed and another 132 wounded between the period the cease-fire was declared at the end of October and February 16. This was stated in the Knesset yesterday by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan in reply to a parliamentary question by Yosef Tamir (Likud).

Of the casualties, 25 were killed and 94 wounded on the Egyptian front, where there were 1,114 cease-fire violations between Oct. 24 and Feb. 5. The Egyptian front has been quiet since then.

Casualties on the Syrian front totalled 11 soldiers and one policeman dead and another 39 wounded between Oct. 24 and Feb. 16, Mr. Dayan said in reply to a question by Gideon Hausner (Independent Liberals).

The Syrians violated the cease-fire 206 times — using artillery 118 times — during this period.

Mr. Dayan said he did not know how many casualties had been sustained on the Egyptian and Syrian side as a result of Israel's return of fire.

In answer to another question, Mr. Dayan said soldiers are forbidden to bring weapons into sports grounds. Where members of the Defence Forces disturb the peace at non-military sites, such as sports fields, they are guilty of an offence against civilian regulations: the police are therefore entitled to take *any measures they would take* against civilians, he said.

Shoshana Arbeli (Labour) had said that after a melee on the Hapoel soccer pitch in Petah Tikva last month, the referee was reported to have said that what he feared most was the presence of soldiers carrying guns.

Dayan winds up affairs at Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moshe Dayan is winding up hi business at the Defence Ministry but will still take part in this week's talks with Secretary *of* State Henry Kissinger. He has been invited by Premier Golda Meir to participate in the talks together with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Preparations are already being made at the Defence Ministry for the handing over of affairs on the assumption that Mrs. Meir will not keep the portfolio vacant but will appoint Yitzhak Rabin to the post.

Mr. Dayan is also not expected to attend the Israel Bond conference in Miami this Saturday. His appearance there had been planned seven months ago.

In reply to a question in the Knesset yesterday, he confirmed that the engagement had been fixed last July, but did not say he was actually going. He also said he did not plan to meet Dr. Kissinger in the U.S. (The radio mistakenly reported *last night that he was going* to be in Miami on Saturday and would not meet with Kissinger here this week.)

The Defence Ministry Spokesman, Naftali Lavie, an dMr. Dayan's military aide, Sgan-Aluf Aryeh Braun, are already preparing *to take on* new assignments.

Buses to run until midnight in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Dan bus cooperative yesterday agreed to extend the hours of urban bus service, shortened since the outbreak of the war, and to resume service on the most important single line discontinued since then.

Dan said is was now putting the finishing touches on a plan to have buses run till midnight on many lines. The plan will be submitted to Deputy Mayor David Shifman within a week, and Dan has undertaken to put it into operation by March 10.

The decision, reached at a meeting with Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Deputy Mayor Shifman, came after Mr. Shifman announced a plan for taxis to take over the Dan bus lines at night and ply them on a sherut basis if the cooperatives did not find a way to extend service after 10 p.m. Dan had threatened to *strike if the taxis were given the* routes, explaining that the curtailment of service was due to the fact that many of its members were still mobilized.

Under pressure from the city, however, it reconsidered, and Mr. Shifman — who holds the Municipality's transport portfolio — shelved his taxi plan.

In addition, Dan has undertaken to resume this Friday service on line 33, which had been discontinued ever since the war. Lack of this line has caused great hardship, as it connects the Bitzaron-Yad Eliahu-Cinerama area with central Tel Aviv. No action was taken on the other suspended lines.

In Beersheba, meanwhile, drivers yesterday staged a slowdown on *the municipally-owned system's two* busiest lines to back up their demand that service up to 11 p.m. be restored. Service has been cut off at 9 p.m. since the war, with the director of the municipal company claiming there are not enough buses and drivers.

The drivers claims this is just an excuse to avoid paying them overtime. They also want the director, Shlomo Yisraeli, sacked.

Gaza terrorists get 7-25 years

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Four terrorists guilty of grenade attacks on Israeli soldiers and vehicles were sentenced to prison terms of from seven to 25 years at the end of two separate trials here yesterday.

Sentenced to 25 years were Hussein Mobarak Abu Sa'id, 27, and Abdul-Karim Abu Sa'id, 40, who attacked a military vehicle, wounding three soldiers. The two, captured near the el-Bulj camp in April 1972 with a large store of arms, denied the charges. Their trial had lasted 18 *months*.

A second trial involved two Deir el-Balah 26-year-olds who threw grenades at cars going to Kfar Darom and supplied another terrorist last March with the grenade with which he killed an Israeli soldier. *One of the two, Abdul Latif Bashir,* was given seven years. His partner, Yahya Samara, also found guilty of throwing a grenade at the car of a Deir el-Balah man, got 14.

Man from Syrian bulge sentenced as spy

KUNEITRA. — A military court in *Majdal Shams yesterday sentenced a* resident of the Israeli held bulge in Syrian territory to three years imprisonment for passing military information to Syrian intelligence.

The accused, Mahmoud Najib Mustafa, 45, of Hadar village, infiltrated *into Syria and returned* two days later after meeting with intelligence officers. *(Itim)*

Haim Herzog asked to run radio & TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Yigal Allon has asked Haim Herzog to lead the Broadcasting Authority. The post falls vacant when Shmuel Almog ends his term of office next month, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. Allon reportedly offered the position last week to Mr. Herzog, who asked for time to consider. Asked for his reaction at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem yesterday, where he was attending the ORT convention, Mr. Herzog said "I'm here dealing with ORT," and refused any further comment.

Mr. Herzog was a popular radio and television commentator in two wars. First reaction by television and radio staffers to the proposed appointment was all favourable. He holds no official position at present, but is on the board of directors of several business enter*prises*.

IL3,000 reward for helping catch bank robbers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A former military policeman yesterday received a IL3,000 reward for vigilance which led to the arrest of four men who robbed an *Ashdod Bank Hapoalim* branch of IL40,000 in July 1972.

The recipient, Rami Algiser, 22, of Holon, made a routine check at a small field canteen near Beersheba a week after the robbery. When the clerk asked him to change 30 brand *new IL10 notes "because they were* wet," he became suspicious. He contacted the Beersheba police who traced the four and recovered the money.

The reward, given by the Bankers' Association, was presented by *Rav/Pakad Asher Davidowicz*, head of criminal investigation and spokeman for the Beersheba police.

Gas companies cartel bid questioned

TEL AVIV. — A top Government trade official said yesterday that he opposed the renewal of the cartel the gas companies have for installing central gas supply in new buildings.

Mr. Y. Liram, in charge of internal trade in the Ministry of Commerce and *Industry, was testi*fying at a hearing of the Public Cartels Council on the gas companies' application for the extension of the arrangement.

Mr. Liram said that he had approved the temporary cartel recently only because thousands of householders had moved into new flats without gas supply. The cartel permit entitles their gas companies to collect IL396 for connecting an apartment to the gas supply. Before this, the companies did the work for nothing and even paid contractors for the right to install central gas supply in new buildings.

Mr. Liram said that the companies had applied the new conditions to people wtih whom they had already signed contracts, in violation of the cartel agreement. They had not returned all the money which they had wrongfully collected, he added.

In view of the campanies' failure to keep their promises in the past, he was doubtful about their *future* promises.

Mr. Liram said that he would support a cartel only if the maximum charge to the consumer were IL200. He said the consumer should deal only with the contractor and pay one lump sum, including the cost of all services.

Another witness at yesterday's *hearing was* building contractor Aharon Rubinstien, who represented the Contractors Centre. He said the builders opposed the cartel because it would soon become a monoply.

Several flat purchasers who had to wait months to be connected to the gas supply also testified.

The sides will sum up at further hearings *(Itim)*

Sapir says he didn't offer Aguda money

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir denied yesterday he had offered Agudat Yisrael money for schools if they would join the coalition.

He was replying to a question by Haim Corfu (Likud) in the Knesset Finance Committee.

The Finance Minister said that were he "able to afford the legal fees" he would sue those who threw mud at "the non-existent Sapir Fund. I have nothing to be ashamed of in my efforts to get schools and cultural institutions built for all sectors — from *yeshivot* to Yad Jabotinsky."

Ancient synagogue floor uncovered

Remains of a colourful mosaic floor, probably of an ancient synagogue, have been found at Kibbutz Maoz Haim in the Beisan Valley, the Government Antiquities Department announced yesterday. The section *uncovered so far* by department archaeologists carries a clearly distinguishable seven branched menorah and a ram's horn as well as geometric patterns.

The announcement did not say to what period the find is believed to date.

Near Ashkelon, an amateur archaeologist has found a Sixth Century jar containing about 300 coins of the Arab period. The find was made by Rafael Blumenfeld, head of the youth village Nitzanim, on the beach south of the village on Saturday.

350 volunteers for war want to settle here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 350 volunteers who have arrived in the country since the Yom Kippur War have expressed a desire to remain as immigrants, the Jewish Agency reported yesterday.

The 350 are among 5,500 volunteers who have come since the war. The Agency has called upon the Absorption Ministry to find housing for unmarried volunteers who wish to settle in the country.

The Agency has opened a hostel for single immigrants in the Tiran Hotel in Herzliya. The hostel, with 180 beds, will serve volunteers on a *rental basis until they can find more* permanent accommodation.

Santa Katarina exposure deaths to be probed

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The President of the Military Court of Appeals has decided to appoint an investigating judge to look into the circumstances of the fatal accident which occurred in the vicinity of the Santa Katerina monastery on January 18 when three army officers died of exposure, *the Army Spokesman announced* here yesterday evening.

The decision to appoint a judge-investigator underlines the gravity with which the incident is viewed.

A party of officers and men (including at least one girl soldier) set out for Santa aKterina without proper equipment or clothing and were stalled in the area where near freezing point temperatures were a common January occurrence. Subsequently some of the men managed to break out, contact an army outpost and organize a relief party.

The deaths are believed to have occurred when the officers who had *stopped to rest were overcome* by the cold.

Likud: Meir fans flames of hatred

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Likud yesterday scored Prime Minister Meir for "encouraging divisiveness and hatred instead of unity" by refusing to set up a national unity government. In an official statement, the party Executive said this was the burden of Mrs. Meir's statement to the Labour Party Central Committee meeting on Sunday night that establishment of *such a government* would be "a disaster" for the State.

Likud sources stated that there is in fact a declared majority in the Knesset for setting up a national unity government. In favour they listed the Likud 39 mem-dates), the National Religious Party (10), Aguda (five), the Rafi wing of Labour (7), Hillel Zeidel of the Independent Liberals and Uzi Feinerman and Aharon Yariv of Labour — a total of 64 of the Knesset's 120 members.

Haifans grab as bread comes back

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Bread was in adequate supply here *yesterday following* interim settlement of the 24-hour bakers' overtime ban over the weekend. But it arrived late because the bakers had been unable on Sunday to prepare the dough in *the* bakeries, from which their owners had locked them out for the day.

Shoppers were nervous, distrusting promises that enough bread *for* everybody would arrive in the course of the day, snatched up each loaf *as it arrived*.

Our sincerest thanks to all our friends who expressed condolences on the death of our

MOTHER

Ruth and David Frenkel, Haifa

The Bolivian Embassy extends sincere condolences to MR. ASHER FRENKIEL Hon. Consul-General of Bolivia on the death of his wife

POLA FRENKIEL

Faim Gottlieb, Hon. Bolivian Consul, Haifa
Teodoro Zarzar, Hon. Bolivian Consul, Bethlehem
Abraham Aizenstat, Hon. Bolivian Vice-Consul, Tel Aviv

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of my beloved husband, our father and grandfather,

Prof. ERICH NASSAU

The funeral took place on February 25, 1974.

Please abstain from condolence visits.

THE FAMILY

TO MR. & MRS. HEINRICH FRANKFURTER

We grieve with you at this time of great sorrow on the sad loss of your beloved son,

MICHAEL

Siegfried and Sara Masar

With great sorrow we announce the sudden passing of

Dr. YOAV FINDLING ז"ל

on Sunday, February 24, 1974.

THE FAMILY
Rehovot

We mourn the sudden death of our good friend,

LOTHAR STERNBERG

Director of Austrian Airline

and extend sympathy to the family and the staff of AUA.

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GANIM TOURS LTD.
and SHARON TOURS
Ramat Gan

The Staff of Frankfurter & Co. extend sincere sympathies to

Mr. and Mrs. HEINRICH FRANKFURTER

on the tragic loss of their only son,

MICHAEL

THE HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION

mourns the death of

Prof. F. DREYFUSS

celebrated doctor, teacher and research worker,

and extends sympathies to the family.

Our heartfelt condolences to the STERNBERG FAMILY and to AUSTRIAN AIRLINES on the death of

LOTHAR STERNBERG ז"ל

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In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear

AVRAHAM (Albert) STRUGO

The funeral will leave at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, February 26, 1974, from the house of the deceased, 35 Rehov Hagiva, Savyon. A bus will leave at 12 noon from the Mann Auditorium plaza for the house of the deceased.

Wife, Suzanne Strugo
Son, Moshe Strugo
Daughter-in-law, Mathilda Strugo
Grandsons, Avraham and Reuben Strugo
Brothers, Joseph and Raphael Strugo
Sister, Mathilda Benvenisty
and all the family in Israel and abroad.

Sharon: mobilization Oct. 4 would have prevented war

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Yom Kippur War would not have erupted if the reserves had been called up on Thursday, October 4, Ariel Sharon told a "convention study mission" of American Jewish Congress members yesterday.

Answering questions at a panel session at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, Sharon — now a Likud M.K. — said, "Yes, we knew the enemy's weaponry, the type and the quantities, yet we were caught by surprise... It shouldn't have happened."

He told the audience he had not yet been invited to testify before the Agranat Commission studying the blunders that allegedly preceded the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Sharon shared with his audience some of his thoughts about borders. "The further inland we pull back in Sinai, the longer the border becomes, and that's not too good," he said. "Sure, parts of Sinai should return to Egypt; but we must keep certain parts too, especially in view of the oil fields there. We can develop more oil sources there, and I don't mind having to pay the Egyptians a royalty for that oil — but we must maintain our presence there."

He added he would also not mind seeing an Egyptian civilian administration in parts of Sinai, on condition that IDF remains on hand to prevent a return of hostile enemy forces in the region.

As for the Golan Heights, only "minor changes" could be tolerated there. The army must also sit on the Jordan River, he said, and Israeli troops must remain in Ramallah, Nablus and other West Bank centres.

"The Palestinians' leaders are not the mayors of Hebron or Nablus," Mr. Sharon told the AJC members. "The real leaders are Yassar Arafat and George Habash... yes, we too are tired of wars, but Arab terrorism against our people did not begin with the Six Day War. It has been going on since 1920-21, 1936-39; and 1947-67... and all those terrorists came from across the Jordan River and the West Bank."

When one of the delegates told Mr. Sharon that a group of Israeli youth had told them earlier this week they fear for their future and would like to emigrate, Mr. Sharon responded with: "Yes, such talk certainly saddens me. But it underlines what I have already said in the past — that our educational system is fouled up. There is something very, very wrong with our schools if after 25 years of statehood some of our children still wonder if our people have a right to this land."

Mr. Sharon also assailed the fossilization of Israel's national leadership. "Would you believe it," he asked, "we are the only country in the world which has the same leaders today that we had 30 and 40 years ago?"

The $2,200m. advanced by the U.S. Government to make good Israel's loss of arms during the October War includes a grant-in-aid of $1,500m. The remaining $700m. is long-term loan, Finance Minister Sapir told the American Jewish Congress delegation.

But Israel is spending more than that on defence orders. "Whether we shall have to pay the extra in cash or can get another loan, is still to be decided." He added that buying the arms in Europe would have been much more expensive.

Asked about the chances of Golda Meir's new Cabinet, Sapir observed that Norway, Sweden and Denmark all have minority governments, and manage all right. A coalition with the Likud would not work, because they are not ready for compromise. "If the Likud were in power, our prisoners would still be in Egypt," he declared.

Mr. Sapir recalled that Gahal's leader, Menahem Begin, considers Kissinger an adversary. "Yet when scholars look back 50 years from now, they will say that Kissinger was no enemy. He played an historic role in these critical times."

Another questioner wanted to know what is being done for self-employed persons whose business is neglected while they are in the Army. "We give loans of IL25,000-IL30,000, to help see them through. So far IL60m. has been distributed, and the outlay will reach IL100m."

He was also queried about the recent cut in subsidies. "Our prices were way out of line," he stated. "Foreign ships calling at our ports were buying sacks of flour cheaply — to sell in Cyprus and Greece at a profit. Keeping prices unchanged would have cost us IL2,000m. this year.

TEL AVIV detectives fondle some of the IL411,000 stolen on Friday from a Brink's truck that had been making the rounds of Tel Aviv banks. All the money — in five bags taken from the truck — was retrieved from the bottom of a well in Herzliya. (Israel Sun — Benny Bianco)

POLICE RECOVER IL411,000 TAKEN IN BRINK'S HEIST

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police on Sunday night managed to recover all of the IL411,000 in cash stolen from a Brink's armoured truck here on Friday. Three suspects have been arrested.

Tel Aviv police spokesman Sgan Nitzav Amos Aricha told *The Jerusalem Post* it took a team of eight investigators about 50 hours to crack the case. The police had the full cooperation of Brink's Israel Ltd., he said.

According to the police reconstruction of the crime, the two suspects, who are Brink's employees, knew the exact routes and times of collection of money bags by the company's armoured trucks. They drew up a precise plan which included an alibi if they were questioned.

The two are suspected of robbing the Brink's main office of the spare keys of an armoured truck engaged in collecting money bags from three banks. When the truck arrived at its third stop at the Bank Leumi branch on the corner of Rehov Yehuda Halevy and Rehov Herzl, the three-man team in the truck locked the machine and walked into the bank to pick up more bags. It is believed that it was during this period — when the truck was unattended — the two suspects went into action. In a matter of about a minute to a minute and-a-half, they opened the rear door of the truck, took out five bags and fled in their private car.

All this happened in broad daylight, at about noon in one of Tel Aviv's busiest interesections.

On Friday evening, after counting and recounting the number of bags in the armoured truck, the possibility of a mistake was ruled out. Brink's officials called in the police, who immediately started investigating.

One of the first steps taken was to arrest the three-man crew of the truck. In the meantime, the police have released two of them. The third is still being held and is suspected of having been a party to the heist.

After further investigations the police were convinced that this had been a carefully planned "inside job" which led them to the other two suspects, one aged 25 from Kfar Saba and the other 27 from Jaffa. They were arrested Sunday evening and a couple of hours later the police investigators were able to recover the five money bags intact, buried in the yard of a private house in the vicinity of Herzliya.

Parents fight school-side J'lem hotel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Parents Committee of Beit Hayeled School in Jerusalem warned yesterday that students and parents would physically prevent construction of the El Al Hotel by sitting down on the site if permission for the hotel is approved by the Interior Ministry.

They made the threat at a meeting with Ya'acov Dash, head of the Ministry's planning department. The hotel site is next to the school in the Omariya Plot.

Mr. Dash is to make a final recommendation on the hotel proposal within a week.

Haim Yefet, head of the Parents Committee, said last night that Mr. Dash told them that he would recommend scaling the hotel down from 350 to 250 rooms, moving it some 30 metres further away from the school site and building pedestrian bridges to give the students safe access to the school over the roads that will be built.

Mr. Yefet said the parents will not accept this since the hotel would block future expansion of the school, constitute a nuisance during its construction and, because of the traffic it would draw, a danger after its completion. The parents recommended that the hotel be built at Gilo, which offers panoramic views of the Judean hills, or south of the Rose Garden.

The District Planning Commission last year approved the hotel but, following a public outcry, the Interior Ministry Director-General, Haim Kubersky, said that Mr. Dash would review the proposal before the Interior Minister puts his signature to the plans. The foreign investors and the Finance Ministry are understood to be bringing heavy pressure for the plans' approval.

Egged men vote today on merger with Dan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — This morning some 6,500 members of the Egged bus cooperative go to the polls to decide whether to unite with the Dan bus cooperative. There is a very strong opposition among Egged members to the management-sponsored proposal, and a "yes" vote is by no means sure.

Egged's Central Committee voted several months ago to approve the merger plan, provided certain conditions are met. These include: Government compensation for past deficits; a law recognizing the present bus monopoly; insurance that the united cooperative have a share in any future mass-transit system; and finding a solution for the difference in value of the two companies' rolling stock (Egged, being bigger, has more buses than Dan, which mainly serves only the Tel Aviv area).

The Egged management has been campaigning very strongly among its members for the merger for purely economic reasons. The Transport Ministry is already drawing up plans for the era of mass transit, and the cooperatives want to be partners. They believe they have a better chance if their bid comes from one big united cooperative.

One opposition group within Egged has been campaigning against the merger simply as a means of voting lack of confidence in the management. It claims that the present management is demanding austerity of members while failing itself to tighten its belt.

High on their list of grievances are the frequent trips abroad by Egged executives.

Another opposition group in Egged will be voting "no" because they want Government agreement in writing to Egged's merger terms first.

The Transport Ministry and the Dan membership are solidly behind the merger. The Ministry believes that it will improve services and cut overhead, especially that of clerical and garage staff.

Dan members have been hit in the last few years by the drop in Tel Aviv's population as former customers move out to the suburbs. Another problem has been the growing number of private cars in Tel Aviv, which has clogged traffic and thus also whittled down their earnings.

Dan spokesman Aharon Shani told *The Post* yesterday that if the Egged members vote "yes" in the referendum today, the first steps in the merger — uniting their treasuries and the garages — can start in about a month.

If Egged votes "no," then Dan will immediately ask the Transport Ministry for permission to run more lines in the greater Tel Aviv area and to increase their interurban services. (Up to now Dan has been running a regular daily service between Ramat Gan-Givatayim and Jerusalem.)

Egged spokesman Shifman believes that even if his members vote "yes" in the referendum it will be many months before the two cooperatives can unite. Assuming a "yes" today, the merger proposal would then have to go before the cooperative's 167-man Council. After they ratify it the Kashti Committee (set up by the Transport Ministry a couple of years ago to study different proposals on how to go about merging the two cooperatives) would have to be reconvened, new proposals based on Egged's merger prerequisities adopted, and finally the Government would have to approve the final plan.

'Jews of Negev to live in peace with Sinai Arabs'

By H. BEN ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A future in which Jewish settlers of the Negev would live in peace with the Arabs of Sinai was envisioned here yesterday by Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

Speaking at the plenary meeting of the Board of Governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Mr. Peres said that Egypt was in transition from militarism to a balanced economy. Israel must encourage this, he said.

Mr. Peres also called for a new approach to immigrant absorption, giving each group the opportunity to establish its style here. He said he would rather see an American Jew speaking English in Israel than see a U.S. Jew speaking Hebrew in New York.

In other events marking the Board meeting, a new 100 bed dormitory, costing some £400,000 was dedicated on the Beersheba campus. The British Associates of the University gave £250,000 towards the project. Of this, £100,000 was the gift of Edith Boyes, in memory of her husband, British businessman Frederick Boyes.

This brings to 1,200, the total number of beds available in student dormitories.

The Board elected Professor Ernst David Bergman Honorary President. Professor Bergman is head of the economic planning committee of the university's Desert Research Institute and Vice President of the Hebrew University. Sir George Wiedenfeld, British publisher, and Transport Minister Shimon Peres were made deputy chairmen.

New board members included Yitzhak Rabin, MK, Sheikh Hamad Abu Rabiyeh, the first Beduin Member of the Knesset, and Mahmoud Diab, Ministry of Educatio ninspector for Beduin schools.

Anglican Archbishop retires

BISHOP GEORGE APPLETON

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Bishop George Appleton, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, left yesterday for London. He begins his retirement March 10.

His departure marks the end of the office of Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem. The Very Rev. Appleton was the second church official to fill the post, founded in 1957.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed Bishop Robert Stopford as Vicar General of the Jerusalem church pending the reorganization of the Anglican church in the Middle East. The new constitution calls for the creation of four dioceses embracing Anglican churches in the Middle East and in East and North Africa. Each one will be headed by a bishop, who is likely to be a national of his own region.

The Jerusalem diocese was originally planned to include Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon under the new constitution. It was not clear yet, however, whether the proposed geographic divisions would take place, as the constitution was still being worked out.

Bail allowed for fraud suspect on probation

TEL AVIV. — A young woman free on probation after being convicted for fraud has been charged again with similar offences. The woman, Edna Unna, 25, was released on IL2,000 bail by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

A few months ago she pleaded guilty to charges of stealing three cheques, forging signatures and using them to buy goods worth several hundred pounds, as well as passing 13 bad cheques. The judge postponed sentence for six months, to give Miss Unna a chance to reform under supervision of a probation officer.

But during this period she was charged with using bad cheques to buy goods worth IL280 on Rehov Dizengoff. At yesterday's hearing, Judge Hanna Avnor turned down the police request that Miss Unna be remanded in custody until her trial.

Miss Unna is the daughter of a veteran Government official. *(Itim)*

FLAT MARKET PICKING UP

The market in second-hand flats is picking up after a recession during and after the war, according to figures based on classified advertisements in the press. This was stated yesterday by the Housing Ministry spokesman.

In Jerusalem and the central area, the number of advertisements has reached about 60 per cent of the pre-war total. In Haifa, the figure is 50 per cent.

More Fatah suspects held in Jerusalem

One more East Jerusalemite was detained yesterday on suspicion of membership in the Fatah ring which was rounded up in the Old City last week. Thirteen others, including three girls (one of them a school teacher) have been remanded for 15 days on suspicion of belonging to a ring which called itself "The Palestine Revolutionary Army."

Their ages range from 17 to 25.

Police confiscated anti-Israeli leaflets, some of them long out-of-date calling on local residents to boycott last December's municipal elections. Subsequent broadsides urged disobedience.

Gilboa quarry, an eyesore, is back in business

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The stone quarry of Beit Alfa in Emek Yizreel — a gashing wound disfiguring the Gilboa mountain, is back in business. Attempts of the Northern District Planning Committee to halt the quarry's operations have been defeated by the Afula magistrate.

Just before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, the kibbutz was ordered to stop quarrying within a matter of hours. It appealed to the magistrate's court, which allowed it to continue. During the war, the kibbutz, either because it did not have enough manpower or for lack of transport, kept the quarry idle.

A few weeks ago, the kibbutz was reportedly approached by the army to supply stone for its urgent needs, and it applied for a six months operating permit. The District Planning Committee wanted to restrict this to three months, and said it would decide finally at is next meeting on March 11. But the kibbutz would not wait.

This week the Nature Reserves Authority reported that work resumed at the quarry last Thursday. No reaction could be obtained from the kibbutz yesterday.

The Authority has been trying hard to persuade the kibbutz to move the quarry from its present site, where it is an eyesore visible from afar.

SUSPECT HELD IN CAR ARSON

TEL AVIV. — A man suspected of setting fire to a car belonging to Tel Aviv City Councillor Haim Tassa was remanded into custody for two days by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday. The suspect, Rahamim Mizrahi, claimed that he was in a restaurant with friends when the car was set alight in the Hatikva Quarter on Saturday night.

A police witness told the court that Mr. Tassa suspected Mizrahi because of a summons he had received for illegal building. He said police were checking the suspect's alibi. *(Itim)*

THE EMERGENCY authority for land transport will stop operating on Friday, and truck owners will go back to functioning on a normal commercial basis, without being bound by emergency regulations and work orders.

Jakarta bars Israel from tennis tourney

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association will do what it can to see that either Israel is allowed to participate in next week's third Asian Amateur Tennis Championships in Jakarta — or that it will not take place at all.

Its chairman, Avram Felger, was reacting to a Reuter report from Jakarta that the tournament committee would definitely not invite Israel to the meet, scheduled to start on March 6. The committee's decision was in line with the policy of the Government of Indonesia, which has no diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Indonesian organizers informed the Asian Tennis Federation, under whose auspices the meet is being held, that they only agreed to host the championships on condition that Israel were not allowed to compete. A committee spokesman said the decision was final and would not be changed under pressure from the International Lawn Tennis Federation, to which the Asian body is affiliated.

Israel was a founder-member of the Asian Federation in 1964, and last week received an invitation from its head office in New Delhi to its annual general meeting, being held in Jakarta concurrently with the meet. The ILTA immediately cabled to its Indonesian opposite number, asking about entry visas for its delegate, and also for the team which it had entered for the five-day tournament. By last night, no reply had been forthcoming.

The ILTA is now calling on the international federation either to ensure Israel's participation at Jakarta or have the championships cancelled. It says it would be a breach of federation regulations to bar its players from the event.

In 1967, when Malaysia refused entry to the Israeli team for the Asian youth championships in Kuala Lumpur, the federation ruled that the meet could not be counted as official. Indonesia and Malaysia are two of the five Moslem countries in the 17-nation Asian Tennis Federation.

Bid to put out fire at Abu Rodeis in March

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — An attempt to put out the fire at the Abu Rodeis oil fields will be made during the second week of March, the Chief Government Adviser on Fuel, Dr. Zvi Dinstein, said here yesterday. He spoke before leaving on a 10-day visit to the U.S.

Preparations for the attempt, to be carried out by experts from abroad, are almost complete, Dr. Dinstein said.

The fire at the offshore rig at Abu Rodeis has been burning since it was hit accidentally by an Israeli Hawk anti-aircraft missile. The blaze is costing an estimated $120,000 a day. *(Itim)*

HEAVY TRAFFIC of lorries laden with fruits and vegetables passed from the West Bank to Jordan over the Allenby Bridge which was opened yesterday. Some 500 people used the bridge to cross to Jordan and 400 to enter Israel.

Haifa plans to centralize its offices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A "municipality compound" to include municipal offices scattered throughout the Hadar Hacarmel is to be laid out around City Hall in the interests of economy and convenience to both the administration and the public.

The municipal executive decided yesterday to move two museums now occupying a large section of several floors of the City Hall building elsewhere and to use the vacated space for the ingathering of offices exiled for decades. New premises will be found for the Museums of Ancient and Modern Art.

Mayor Almogi is also keen on getting the Ministry of Justice to move the magistrates court out of the City Hall building, where it has been functioning for decades.

The Ministry of Justice approved a joint large and modern building for the magistrates and district courts long ago, but no date has yet been set for its construction.

The Amami Aleph elementary school building across the street from the museums and law courts wing is being converted into office space for the municipality. "This will save us the cost of building the new premises which we need," the City Hall spokesman said.

The executive also set up a committee to study plans for a Yom Kippur war memorial.

Tel Aviv gets new French high school

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The new Wizo-France Girls' Vocational High School, part of a giant "education city" designed to serve 5,000 pupils, was dedicated in the "Lamed" Plan area north of the Yarkon yesterday by Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

French Ambassador Jean Herly, speaking at the dedication, said he hoped the school "would bring forth fruits of good relations in every sphere between Israel and France." He added that he was sure many parents in France would be sending their children to study there.

The big new building, built on a 4,500 square metre area, includes classrooms, workshops, art studios, laboratories and students' kitchens. Following the Passover vacation some 500 girls will start using them for home economics, fashion and commercial art courses. The school, officially "Municipal High School 14," stands side-by-side with several other high schools in the huge complex envisaged by former Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Among the guests at yesterday's dedication was Mrs. Helene Djian, president of the French Wizo Federation, who came at the head of a 180-member delegation of French Wizo activists.

Recount ordered in seven Netanya polls

TEL AVIV. — District Court Judge Shlomo Lowenberg yesterday ordered a recount of the votes at seven polls in the Netanya municipal elections December 31. He also ordered a check of discrepancies between polling records at 20 other stations in Netanya.

The orders were issued at the request of Mr. Amos Hayun, head of a local list in the elections, who charged there had been many faults and inaccuracies in the records.

At the same hearing, Judge Lowenberg dismissed the appeals of various other lists and individuals against the official election results.

Outcome of unrest

HUSSEIN OUSTS TOP OFFICERS

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

King Hussein of Jordan yesterday ousted two high-ranking army officers in the wake of military unrest over government policies, especially in the economic field. The dissatisfaction was said three weeks ago to have sparked off a partial army mutiny, at the height of which Hussein rushed back from London, while preparing for a trip to Washington.

The ouster of the two officers was believed bound to lead to further purges but it was not yet clear whether the ouster signalled a major reshuffle in the Jordanian army — the backbone of Hussein's regime.

Hussein's crackdown was revealed by Amman radio, which said that Hussein held a ceremony in which two new officers replaced two others as aides to the Chief of Staff, General Zaid Ben Shaker, who is Hussein's cousin.

The move was said to have been taken "in accordance with the new reorganization of the armed forces general command." Neither the ousted officers nor their replacements were identified.

The former assistants of the Jordanian Chief of Staff are known to be Maj.-Gen. Suleiman Kandah, in charge of operations, and Maj.-Gen. Majid Haj Hassan, assistant for administration.

Amman radio said that Hussein was received at the army general command by Gen. Ben Shaker in contrast to previous occasions on which the Commander in Chief, Marshal Habes el-Majali, was usually on hand. While Majali might be affected by the reshuffle, it is known that he has been loyal to Hussein.

Majali's military role has been often overshadowed by the functions of Ben Shaker, a professional armoured forces officer who has been the architect of Hussein's ambitious plans to transform the Jordanian army into a sophisticated mechanized force.

Ben Shaker is considered a leading figure among Hussein's young disciples. Premier Zaid Rifai is another. Both Rifai and Ben Shaker have been a target of criticism by anti-Hussein elements, especially the Palestinian sabotage movement, which is currently mounting an attack on Hussein's regime, with the support of a number of Arab states.

"The Guitar Player," a painting by 17th century Dutch artist Jan Vermeer, was stolen late on Saturday night from a London gallery. (AP radiophoto)

Differences in style — and perhaps outlook too

The two voices of America — Kissinger and Schlesinger

By ANTHONY SAMPSON

WASHINGTON (Ofns). — THE two most weighty influences on American foreign policy are men of remarkable resemblances and remarkable differences; and as a new debate begins on the true nature of the detente, their differences are being more closely analysed.

Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and James Schlesinger, the Secretary of Defence, are both intellectuals schooled in the rigorous discipline of nuclear strategy. Both are of German-Jewish origin, both took their degrees at Harvard in the same year, and retained strong links with academic life. Both convey an atmosphere of unusual detachment and calm, above the political hurly-burly, as if they have come into it from a much more rarified world — which they have. It is one of the remarkable facts of the Nixon Administration, with all its ruthless politicking, that its three top Cabinet officials (including George Schultz, the Secretary of the Treasury) should all be academics.

But the contrasts between Dr. Kissinger and Dr. Schlesinger are equally striking. Dr. Kissinger is essentially a personal performer, flaunting his power, loving his publicity, and exasperating the vast bureaucracy of the State Department. He dislikes administration, delegates with difficulty, and builds his staff round his own personality.

Dr. Schlesinger is a much more withdrawn and private man; he spends his spare time either with his large family, or bird-watching, or studying: one of his interests is theology. He does not bother about publicity; for every hundred times Dr. Kissinger's name appears in the papers, Dr. Schlesinger's appears once. And his appearances are rarely exciting: he is a grey man with a grey style; he puffs a pipe and talks slowly, in downbeat sentences. He enjoys administration, and controls the bureaucracies quietly but firmly. At the CIA, which he ran briefly before taking over defence, he sacked several senior spymasters and hundreds of juniors; when he said his farewell, according to one CIA man, "There wasn't a wet eye in the building."

Aside from these differences of personality and style, there have recently, in the past two months, been apparent signs of differences of outlook on the world. Dr. Kissinger is publicly deeply committed to the policy of detente with Russia, above all as a means towards reducing nuclear armament and the risk of nuclear war; and he has studiously refrained from saying anything that might offend the Soviet Union.

Dr. Schlesinger, on the other hand, has begun to appear much more deeply sceptical of the Soviet Union's intentions. A few weeks before the beginning of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) he expounded the new doctrine of re-targeting nuclear missiles towards Soviet military bases; and the new defence budget, with Dr. Schlesinger's firm backing, allows for a massive increase in spending.

The American public, not surprisingly, are somewhat confused about these two voices. If we are really moving towards a detente, and towards a restriction on nuclear arms, why must defence spending be increased, and nuclear missiles made more flexible? Or if we must be so totally distrustful of the Soviets as to believe they might wipe out the whole of the West, how can we have any other dealings with them, in trade or diplomacy, with any degree of trust? And who, anyway, is running foreign policy? Is it Dr. Schlesinger or Dr. Kissinger? (The impression of a major clash between the Pentagon and the State Department has been heightened by the recent revelations of how, during the Vietnam war, the Pentagon was secretly receiving unauthorised documents about Dr. Kissinger's policy.)

But these apparent basic clashes between senior Cabinet officials are rarely as simple as they look; and there is little doubt that the two doctors share a wide area of agreement. Both, after all, have been very well grounded in the chess-games theories of nuclear power, which are based on the assumption of an intransigent enemy; and Dr. Kissinger is just as certain as Dr. Schlesinger that a detente can only be achieved in the context of mutual destructiveness. However much SALT may aspire to some future disarmament, they revolve at this stage round maintaining a balance of terror.

The fact is that the detente is based as much on fear as on hope; and its one basic assumption is that both sides have the same dread of a thermonuclear war. Within that assumption of fear there is also, of course, another major development, the need of the Soviet Union for American industrial investment and technology, and the ambition of American corporations to supply that need; and this mutual dependence has given Dr. Kissinger his opportunity to explore the further prospects of detente. But the picture of Dr. Kissinger as the innocent believer in Soviet peacefulness, arguing with Dr. Schlesinger as the ruthless cold warrior, one blowing hot and the other blowing cold, is not one that bears much inspection. They both learnt long ago how to blow hot and cold at the same time.

Shah accused of reckless talking

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. energy chief William Simon yesterday labelled as "irresponsible and reckless" remarks by the Shah of Iran that the U.S. is importing as much oil now as before the Arab oil boycott.

He said the U.S. Government knows exactly how much oil is coming into the country and that before the embargo, America was importing about six million barrels of oil a day. Last week's figures showed that only 4.8 million barrels a day were flowing into the country, he said.

On American TV on Sunday the Shah said the U.S. is receiving as much oil as before the boycott. "Something is going on for sure," said the Shah, whose country does not participate in the boycott.

When asked why the Shah would make an inaccurate statement, Simon said, "He's after the oil companies," but did not elaborate.

OIL TALKS BEGIN WITHOUT FRANCE

WASHINGTON. — Disregarding the objections of France, the first follow-up meeting of the Washington energy conference began here yesterday with diplomats from 12 nations working to organize a co-ordinating group of major oil consumer countries.

All but one of the 12 countries: seven Common Market members, Canada, Norway, Japan and the U.S., are represented by high-ranking government officials. Luxembourg, the eighth Common Market member, is represented by its ambassador to Washington.

U.S. officials said they were satisfied by the level of foreign representation. There had been rumours EEC members would dispatch low-level diplomats as an effort to assuage France, which had opposed formation of the coordinating group and refused to participate.

Originally the meeting was to have been a two-day affair but there were proposals at the opening to finish it yesterday.

U.S. officials said they were not interested in the question whether yesterday's meeting should be regarded as the first session of the group or only a preliminary to the first session, as reportedly suggested by Common Market participants.

"As we said, the meeting is organizational, to deal with procedures and not with substance.... You name the meeting whatever you want," one American official told a newsman.

Another oil conference began yesterday in Bangkok. Officials of 36 countries, mainly from Asia and the Pacific region, began a week-long conference to explore ways of dealing with the energy crisis.

The conference, opened by Thai Industry Minister Osoth Kosin, is being held under the auspices of the U.S. economic commission for Asia and the Far East (Ecafe).

(Reuter, AP, UPI)

Police expect ransom demand for painting

LONDON (AP). — British police clamped tight security on air and sea terminals yesterday to prevent thieves from smuggling a Jan Vermeer painting, "Guitar Player," out of the country. It was stolen from a London gallery on Saturday.

Scotland Yard said it expected a ransom demand for the 17th century Dutch masterpiece, which is considered too famous to be sold on the open market.

The painting was snatched from a national museum, Kenwood House, late Saturday night. Art dealers in Europe were warned to keep an eye out for the painting, estimated to be worth more than £1m.

Both the museum and police refused to say if the Vermeer was insured.

Police sources said the thieves ignored other valuable paintings and the Vermeer may have been stolen-to-order. *(AP, UPI)*

Huge deficit as British poll nears

LONDON (Reuter). — Britain announced its worst trade deficit in history yesterday, just three days before voting in the nation's most hard-fought general election since World War II.

But the figures released for January's trade — showing a total of £383m. in the red — were not as bad as had been feared in some financial quarters.

The export-and-import returns took account of higher Middle East oil prices and the export shortfall brought on by the three-day work week imposed on much of Britain's coal-starved industry.

In the last general election, in 1970, a trade deficit announced just before polling was deemed to have played a crucial part in the surprise defeat of the Labour government. The Conservatives then made play of the fact that Labour had piled up a monthly deficit of £31m.

The latest deficit is certain to help Labour Leader Harold Wilson in his effort to tag the Conservatives with a charge of gross economic mismanagement.

But continuing crushing trade losses have been a feature of Britain's recent economic climate, and it has come to be accepted that the government will have to borrow money abroad to finance the deficits.

Some financial experts had predicted the January deficit in visible trade might be as high as £400 or £500m.

Economics have agreed that a balance of payments deficit is something Britain must live with for some time to come — probably until its offshore oil starts flowing *towards the end of the decade.*

Mr. Anthony Barber, Chancellor of the Exchequer, commented after yesterday's announcement that the deficit would have to be financed by overseas borrowing.

The trade figures overshadowed for the moment the election question mark posed by Britain's Liberal Party, political losers for the past half century and now shown by opinion polls to be edging into a position of challenge.

The latest of these polls showed the Liberals commanding 28 per cent of the voter support. This is nearly four times as much as they captured in the 1970 election.

Kennedy thinks he could be President

CHICAGO (Reuter). — Senator Edward Kennedy will run for the U.S. presidency when, and if, he is freed from his enormous preoccupation with the illness of his 12-year-old son, Edward, newspaper columnist Louis Kohlmeier reported yesterday.

Mr. Kohlmeier, in a copyrighted article in the "Chicago Tribune," said this was the conclusion that clearly emerged from a long and frank interview he had with Senator Kennedy in Washington.

Senator Kennedy apparently feels he could win and seems determined to try, Kohlmeier said.

Kennedy's son had his right leg amputated above the knee last November after it was discovered he had a rare form of bone cancer.

For the first time in an interview for publication, Mr. Kohlmeier said, Senator Kennedy allowed himself to say "If I run..."

Senator Kennedy had previously said he would announce next year whether he would seek the 1976 Democratic nomination for the presidency, but, in the interview, moved the time up to this year, Kohlmeier said.

Terror support for 'entity'

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The leader of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine has said that the way to "liberate Palestine" is to set up a national authority on land where "the Israeli occupation had been ended."

Nayef Hawatmeh, speaking at a rally here on Sunday, criticized those who said that an independent entity on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would not have adequate economic resources. He said they would have far greater assets than those owned by independent states in Asia and Africa.

Kidnapped Atlanta editor is strong supporter of Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Pro-Israel record of the "Atlanta Constitution" seems to have been one of the major reasons why William Williams, 33, chose the newspaper's editor, John Murphy, as his target in an unsuccessful kidnapping attempt last week.

Murphy was released after being held for two days. Ransom of $700,000 was paid, and a "large sum of money" was subsequently recovered.

Williams — who together with his wife, Betty Ruth, 26, is being held by the FBI in Atlanta under bonds totalling $1.5m. — does not hide his anti-Semitism. His car had a number sticker reading "Oil yes — Jews no," as did one of the walls in his house. This is the bumper sticker distributed by J.B. Stoner's National States Rights Party, a racist, anti-Semitic organization which considers that "Hitler was too moderate."

The FBI, as well as the New York and Atlanta branches of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation league (ADL) have no files on the organization Williams claims to have belonged to, the American Revolutionary Army, allegedly responsible for the abduction. Both the ADL and the FBI believe that if such a group had existed, they would have known about it.

"He probably thought it up in his own mind and it has no substance beyond himself," Charles Wittenstein of the Atlanta ADL told *The Jerusalem Post* in a telephone conversation.

Murphy said that during the two days he was held hostage, Williams continually attacked Jews for supposedly controlling the news media.

Murphy also asserted that Williams had bragged that he was working with a foreign government, which was going to exchange the $700,000 ransom money for $500,000. *This would permit the "hot money,"* which could be identified by serial numbers, to be sent abroad, where it would be circulated easier.

CBS news found a diary, belonging to Murphy, which had references to the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington and Saudi Foreign Minister Omar Saqqaf, as well as to J.B. Stoner. The F.B.I. is studying the dairy.

The "Atlanta Constitution" has been the forefront of the fight against all forms of anti-Semitism in the South. Ralph McGill, its late editor, won his Pulitzer Prize for a series of editorials he wrote in 1958 condemning the bombing of a synagogue in Atlanta.

Last September the newspaper urged that the U.S. seek alternative sources of energy to "forestall any demand that we sacrifice Israel on the altar of Arab oil."

During the October War the "Constitution" said: "The Israelis have time and again put out peace feelers — always with their precarious position in mind and always carefully guarded. The Arab nations, almost exclusively, have distinguished themselves by a constant and shrill threat of eventual extermination of Israel."

Former Nixon lawyer admits two charges

WASHINGTON. — Mr. Herbert Kalmbach, once President Nixon's personal lawyer, pleaded guilty yesterday to two charges of violating election campaign laws in 1970 and 1972.

The charges were brought by Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski. They are expected to be the first of several indictments anticipated within the next few days arising from Watergate and other Nixon Administration scandals.

The first count against Mr. Kalmbach in the two-charge indictment alleged that he collected nearly $4m. for Republican Party Congressional candidates in 1970 on behalf of the *committee which had not chosen its* chairman and treasurer.

He faces a maximum sentence of two years in prison and a $10,000 fine for this offence.

The second count alleged that he promised a campaign contributor the post of U.S. Ambassador to a European country in return for a political contribution of $100,000 in the 1970 elections.

The maximum penalty is one year in prison and a fine

The prosecution alleged that the $100,000 contribution was made by Mr. Fife Symington in 1970 when he was U.S. Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago. He pledged the money at a meeting in September, 1970, on condition that he would be named Ambassador to one of several European countries.

The prosecution said Mr. Kalmbach called the White House, received a promise that Mr. Symington would get an *embassy in Europe* and the envoy pledged a contribution of $50,000 to Republican Congressional candidates.

He made a second contribution of $50,000 to the President Nixon re-Election Committee in 1972, the prosecution alleged.

Guerrillas killed

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesian security forces have killed nine guerrillas and wounded and captured another five in the past week, an official communique said yesterday.

Mrs. Allende's allegation

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — Mrs. Salvador Allende, widow of the late Chilean President, said yesterday that between 15,000 and 80,000 persons have died under Chile's military junta. She asked the Human Rights Commission to investigate what she called the genocidal repression in her country.

Cholera kills 121 in Mozambique

LOURENCO MARQUES, Mozambique (AP). — Cholera killed 121 persons in this Portuguese territory from January 1 to February 21, the head of public health services here said yesterday. Another 117 cases had been confirmed, Dr. Campelo Dandrade said.

SEARCH FOR BALLOONIST

WASHINGTON (AP). — The search for missing balloonist Thomas Gatch shifted to sea yesterday after weekend searches of the Spanish Sahara turned up no information on the American adventurer.

Gatch was attempting to make the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by balloon. He left Harrisburg, Pa., nine days ago and was last sighted Thursday morning.

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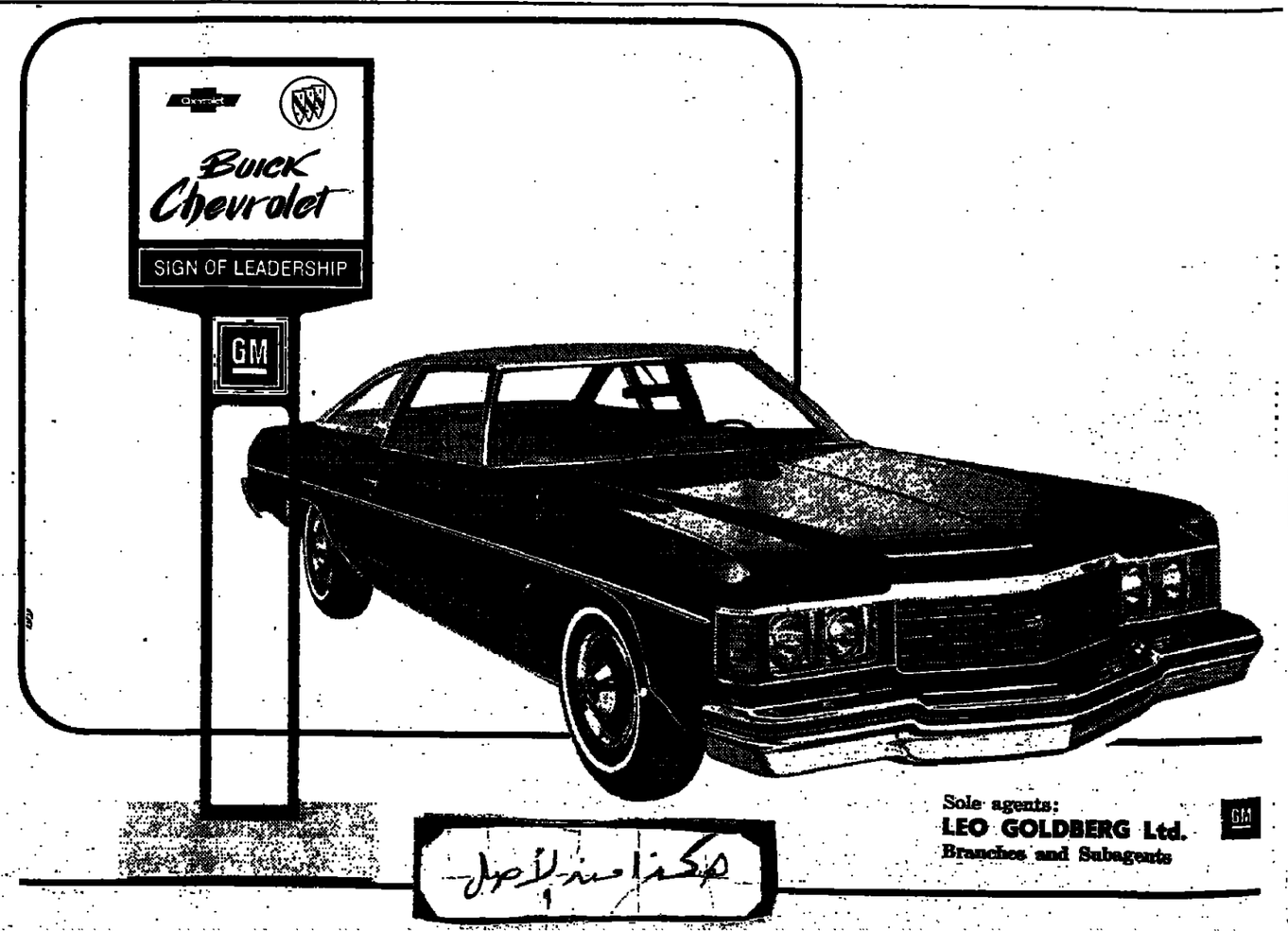

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'Soviet will gain least from Canal opening'

NEW YORK (AP). — Whatever strategic military advantage the Soviet Union may gain from reopening the Suez Canal will probably be far outweighed by benefits to the Western nations and Israel if plans to rebuild the Canal cities are carried out in a visionary six-year plan, according to "Newsweek."

The news magazine carries an interview this week with the man Sadat has appointed to organize the rebuilding of the Canal zone, Osman Ahmed Osman, the new Minister of Reconstruction.

"Newsweek" also comments, "It will be in the latter phases of the six-year plan that glass-and steel skyscrapers will begin to rise in Suez and Port Said, and foreign manufacturing plants and assembly lines will spring up in the Suez area free-trade zone to take advantage of the low tariff and investment credits.

"A New York firm, Raymond Technical Facilities, is hoping to win the contract to design and supervise the rebuilding of Port Said into a Mediteranean trading centre of 1.5 million people that will rival Beirut... Another American firm predicted Egypt under Sadat will lure more investments.

"If Sadat is indeed determined to transform Egypt into a modern industrial state — with an important stake in peace — then the benefits to the West will probably far outweigh any potential military disadvantage. For while the Canal will enable the Soviet Navy to move warships more easily into the Indian Ocean, few think the Kremlin will gain any more strategic advantage than the U.S. And the deep involvement of U.S., European and Japanese firms in building a new Egypt can only diminish the hold Russia gained by default in the 1950s.

"Moreover, diplomats feel that a flourishing Suez Canal zone could have a major stabilizing effect on the volatile Middle East. Says a U.S. diplomat: 'Those cities along the Canal could mean far more to the security of Israel than having its army along the Canal ever meant.'"

ISLAM CALL FOR CONTROL OF RAW MATERIALS

LAHORE (Reuter). — The second Islamic summit which ended here at midnight on Sunday took the first steps in what may be a radical new move to control the raw material resources of the developing world.

A summit resolution released 18 hours after the 38-country conference closed stressed the determination of Moslem rulers to "free the Third World of inequities aimed at perpetuating exploitation of their natural resources."

Nearly all of the 24 presidents, prime ministers and princely rulers who attended the three-day meeting had flown out of Lahore by the time the resolution was officially made public.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt was visiting India and Bangladesh and the Algerian leader, President Boumedienne, flew to China.

The summit resolution which set out the attitude of Islamic countries on international economic relations called for the use and control of their national resources in a manner similar to the oil weapon wielded by the Arabs.

It said that in the absence of political will in the developed world to end the "intolerable exploitation," it was necessary for Islamic nations to resort to the "mobilization and to the revalorization of their national resources."

Starting with the special U.N. session on natural resources, the resolution recommended member states to integrate their efforts at international forums to continue the present trend towards gaining control over, and increased prices for, the resources of developing countries.

Earlier, a draft of the summit's final declaration said the energy crisis must be viewed in its proper perspectives.

Trade terms for raw materials and other resources supplied by the Third World must be placed in relation to the prices they had to pay for goods imported from the developed countries.

The summit decided to set up an eight-nation committee of experts to recommend ways to mitigate the economic problems of developing countries without oil.

The committee will meet in Jeddah next month and submit its proposals to the next Islamic Foreign Ministers' meeting, in Malaysia in May.

This was a retreat from the "substantial relief" promised in an earlier draft, but Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto told a press conference the amount of assistance would be decided in two months.

The principle and commitment to cooperation had been established, he said.

Demand for 'Arab Old City'

LAHORE (AP). — Leaders attending the world Islamic summit yesterday said in a statement issued yesterday that Arab recovery of the Old City of Jerusalem is "a paramount and unchanging prerequisite for lasting peace in the Middle East."

They pledged "all means available" for "the recovery of occupied Arab lands" and said that the return of "full national rights of the Palestinian peoples is an essential and fundamental condition" for peace in the Middle East.

The statements were included in the "Declaration of Lahore" issued at the end of their three-day meeting.

"No agreement, protocol or understanding which postulates the continuance of Israeli occupation of the Holy City of Jerusalem or its transfer to any non-Arab sovereignty or makes it the subject of bargaining or concessions will be acceptable to the Islamic countries," the Moslem leaders said.

But the final statement did not go as far as a resolution passed Saturday which condemned the U.S. for its support of Israel.

Former bitter enemies, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, left, and Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, embrace at a reception in Lahore. (AP radiophoto)

Iran becoming top buyer of U.S. arms

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Iran is buying U.S. warplanes faster than they come off the line and has probably become America's top armaments customer, Pentagon officials said yesterday.

The officials said Iran already has ordered about 30 navy F14 Tomcat fighters and is negotiating for about 50 air force F15 Eagles — both planes are so new they are not yet in operational use by U.S. forces.

In addition, the officials said, the oil-rich nation has been looking with interest at virtually every major air force plane except the B1 nuclear bomber.

Officials said weapons sales figures for 1973, due out in a few months, should show Iran has vaulted past West Germany and become the leading purchaser of U.S. weapons. Iran was second in 1972 with $263m. worth of purchases to West Germany's $431m.

Iran, a non-Arab oil producer that has profited heavily from rises in crude oil prices, was the first foreign country to add the Tomcat, the F4 Phantom and the F5 fighter to its arsenal.

Air force sources said it had als expressed interest in the airborn warning and control syster (AWACS), an airborne radar syster that has not gone into productio yet.

The Shah of Iran has commente "I am taking no chances" in explain ing why he has built his country in to the strongest military force in it area and why he keeps most of hi forces on the border with Iraq.

He made the comment in an Ame rican television interview broadcas on Sunday. The programme's com mentator remarked that the Shah' concern was prompted by the fac (as he earlier had said) that Iraq' leader was "crazy" and that borde clashes between the two countrie had been numerous.

The NBC report noted that Ira has "the fastest growing economy i the world and a per capita incom that has multiplied six times... I has shown remarkable progress i education, but gives little chance fo real political participation to it people."

The Shah also said that insur rectionist and terrorist groups in hi country are no serious threat.

Solzhenitsyn 'changes mind' about Norway

OSLO. — Exiled Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, worried about language and culture shock, has apparently decided against settling in Norway, friends said yesterday.

"At my age it would be difficult to learn a new language," he told Norwegian artist Victor Sparre, who passed on the remark to reporters trailing the inexhaustible writer.

Despite enthusiasm for Norway's scenery and way of life, Solzhenitsyn was understood to be concerned that he and his family would miss the kind of environment provided by the Russian emigre communities of Paris or Geneva.

Switzerland was said to have become the most likely choice now.

With his watch still set to Moscow time, the 55-year-old author kept up the cracking pace of his wanderings across Europe, taking an overnight train from the fjord country back to Oslo and then briskly sightseeing in the capital. He also went to Norway's Justice Ministry to be briefed on residence requirements.

Solzhenitsyn is keeping a detailed record of his impressions, rising early, drinking only a little and not smoking at all. At times his pace has left pursuing newsmen wilted.

Yesterday in Bern, his Swiss publishers of "Gulag Archipelago" said they expect to bring out the second volume of the work this fall or early next year, and it will deal in part with the post-Stalin era.

A spokesman for Scherz Verlag of Bern and Munich, which has the German-language rights, said the second volume will cover in part the period after 1956 when Nikita Khrushchev launched the de-Stalinization drive at the 20th Communist Party congress. *(Reuter, AP)*

Pope attacks goings-on of novices

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope Paul told the priests and monsignors of Rome yesterday to avoid turning their profession into a profit-making career. He also warned them against letting student priests roam around the city late at night.

"Woe to us priests if (we) are to be rich," Pope Paul said.

"That a priest may never draw this balance sheet upon reaching an advanced age: I came to Rome penniless. Now I have a house, a car and a deposit in the bank. This is bad."

Pope Paul urged the priests to be morally strict with themselves, "without giving in to the contradictory and perhaps fatal permissiveness that unhappily is so much talked about today."

Then, departing from his written text, he added:

"There are some students at our ecclesiastical colleges who now have the gate keys and go out late in the evening. Where do they go at that time?" he asked.

UNRWA AID MAY BE CUT

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has warned that if donations to Unrwa are not raised, cuts in relief aid to Palestinian refugees may have adverse effects on Middle East peace prospects.

In an urgent appeal, disclosed yesterday on behalf of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (Unrwa), he said the agency was faced this year with a "massive deficit of $12m. as a result of currency realignments, accelerated inflation in Unrwa's area of operations and an increase in the school population."

In his letter, Mr. Waldheim warned: "Unless additional contributions amounting to $12.5m. can be assured by the middle of March, severe curtailments in essential services such as the closing of schools and the reduction of rations will have to be made."

Pope Paul and Libyan Premier Abdussalem Jalloud during a private audience in Rome yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Russians move into S. America

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. intelligence sources say Russian military advisers have moved into the South American continent for the first time. They report that Russian technicians have arrived in Peru to train Peruvian soldiers in the use of T-55 medium tanks bought from Russia last year.

Russian military advisers have been present in Cuba for about a dozen years, but never have been accepted by a South American country.

Peru's purchase of Russian tanks and other military hardware has alarmed Chile and some other neighbouring countries.

American intelligence is uncertain how many Russian tanks and advisers have reached Peru. There have been reports that the Peruvian Government has bought as many as 200 medium tanks, heavy artillery and other arms from the Soviet Union, and may be planning to order some small SA-7 anti-aircraft missiles.

Russia has been trying for years to gain an arms sales foothold in South America.

Moscow concentrated on Chile until the overthrow of the Allende government by the military junta last year. Despite offers of low price, low interest, long-term arms deals, Russia was not able to open up a market there.

Chileans have been telling American diplomats and military men that the Peruvians might use their new military strength to try to take back territory lost to Chile nearly 100 years ago.

U.S. officials appear to take little stock in talk of a new Chilean-Peruvian war, but they are disturbed at what is shaping up as an arms race in Latin America.

Ecuador, another neighbour of Peru, has reportedly indicated recently that it wants to buy arms from the U.S. This came after it was reported that Peru is planning to form a new army division, and possibly an air force wing, to be stationed in a region bordering Ecuador.

Boumedienne in Peking

HONGKONG (Reuter). — Algerian President Houari Boumedienne arrived in Peking yesterday for an official visit, the New China News Agency reported.

$50m. for Syria from Iraq

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council has decided to give Syria $50m. to help in reconstruction work following the October war, the Iraq News Agency said here yesterday.

Report on air fare rise denied

AUCKLAND (Reuter). — The president of the International Air Transport Association (Iata), Sir Geoffery Robert, said yesterday that a statement attributed to him on a projected international air fare increase was completely incorrect.

He was at home in Auckland when the fares story was released in Mexico City.

He said he had not discussed fares with any newsmen during a brief press conference at the Iata public relations conference in Mexico City on Tuesday, February 19, at which no mention was made of any fare increase beyond those previously announced — six per cent, which took effect from January 1 this year and seven per cent to take effect from next month.

Reuter earlier carried an erroneous report from Mexico City saying Iata would make fare increases above those already announced and quoted Sir Geoffrey as commenting on the reasons for the increases.

Jalloud ends spending spree

ROME (AP). — Libyan Premier Abdel Salam Jalloud ended his European spending spree yesterday after concluding multi-billion-dollar deals in both Eastern and Western Europe. He bartered Libya's oil for Polish ships, French industrial equipment, and for the help of Italian technicians and Czech engineers.

And, some sources state, Jalloud's shopping list also contains undisclosed commitments for armaments Libya does not need for its defence. None of its neighbours is hostile.

The principal message of Jalloud's tour to Hungary, Poland, France and Italy is considered to be a warning that small Libya intends to use its "oil weapon" to try to become a big power.

The 30-year-old Jalloud received "royal" treatment in Eastern and Western European capitals, commensurate with the importance of oil to Europe. In Italy, the question of compensation for thousands of Italians expelled from Libya only four years ago was hardly mentioned. Rather, the emphasis was on how the two countries get along so well.

Jalloud also attempted to draw Western Europe closer to the Arab world — and away from the U.S. He said that the Arab countries, apart from oil, "have the capital, and we can reinvigorate your economies."

A recurring theme in Paris and Rome was the proposal for a meeting of Arabs and all Western European states.

In France, Jalloud concluded a deal to mechanize Libya's agriculture and a pledge for cooperation on peaceful uses of atomic energy. The value of the barter deal was not disclosed, but some economists estimated it at more than the $5 billion contract France recently signed with Tran.

The cost of Libyan oil to France was also left hanging, with Jalloud only saying that the price is "to be negotiated." French newspapers, noting that the cost of the oil was not specified, suggested that what the government was trying to pass off as success might in fact be a far lesser achievement.

There was also no mention if France, which sold Libya Mirage jets, agreed to supply more weapons. The Lebanese newspaper "Al Hayat" said the French would sell an additional 50 Mirages.

Libya reportedly wanted weapons from Italy as well when it demanded the "most advanced technology" in exchange for oil. But, the Rome newspaper "Il Messaggero" said on Sunday that Italy was under pressure from the U.S. not to sell "strategic products" to Libya.

Hungary pledged to "participate in implementing the economic development plans of Libya and in the training of Libyan specialists." Czechoslovakia signed a five-year agreement to supply Libya with engineering experts and to invest in technical enterprises.

Soviet police break up ethnic Germans' protest

MOSCOW (AP). — Twelve Soviet citizens of German origin were taken away by police yesterday after they staged a demonstration demanding the right to emigrate to West Germany, witnesses said.

The demonstration outside the West German Embassy lasted only 12 minutes before about 20 uniformed and plainsclothes police arrived.

Western newsmen who witnessed the protest said the police tore up the demonstrators' signs, reading "We want to go to the Federal Republic" and "Help us to leave the USSR," before leading the five women and seven men away.

The 12 were believed to be from the Baltic Republic of Latvia.

Ethnic Germans have staged two other demonstrations in the past month.

Although the Soviet Union has allowed more than 4,000 ethnic Germans to join their families in the West in 1973, an estimated 40,000 more have applied for the right to leave.

Meanwhile in Ottawa, about 1,000 Ukranian-Canadians demonstrated outside the Russian Embassy on Sunday to protest against the treatment of historian Valenty Moroz.

'Libya willing to 'die for Pakistan'

LAHORE (AP). — Libyan President Mu'ammer Gaddafi told an ecstatic crowd of tens of thousands of Pakistanis yesterday that "the people of Libya are willing to lay down their lives for you."

Addressing a public rally in a stadium named after him Gaddafi said: "I give you this pledge — our resources are your resources and our strength your strength."

He said the two countries should "treat ourselves as two bodies in one soul."

Gaddafi said Libya looked on Pakistan as the strongest bastion of Islam in Asia, "and we should endeavour to ensure it retains its proper position forever."

Eire decides to end ban on contraceptives

DUBLIN (AP). — The Irish Republic's 50-year-old ban on contraceptives is due to end next month.

The Government decision, announced last Thursday, climaxes a vigorous campaign for family planning bitterly opposed by the Roman Catholic Church, to which more than 90 per cent of the country's 3,800,000 population belong.

The announcement came amid debate on a private bill with the same object sponsored by Senator Mary Robinson. Justice Minister Cooney intervened to stigmatise the whole discussion as "old-fashioned and irrelevant." He said that a recent Supreme Court decision ruled that married couples could not be denied contraceptives. "No law that we can pass can affect that decision," he asserted.

Senator Robinson, a law professor and Catholic who had her first baby a month ago, has for years been campaigning for a removal of the State's prohibition on mechanical birth control methods.

The Government's decision could none the less provoke an angry Church-State confrontation. The Roman Catholic hierarchy in a recent joint pastoral recently denounced artificial contraception as "a grave evil" likely to produce disastrous consequences.

The "Irish Times," liberal, said the planned legislation "will frighten some people, will please others and will dismay not a few." The mass circulation "Irish Independent" which generally reflects moderate Catholic opinion, noted the church condemnation of artificial methods but said: "The proposed legislation will receive the approval of most responsible people."

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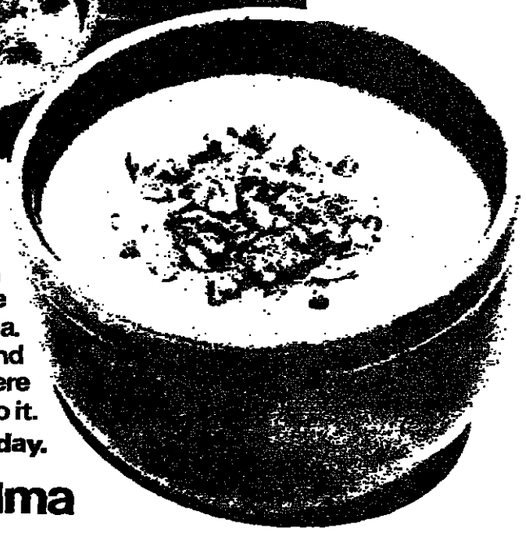

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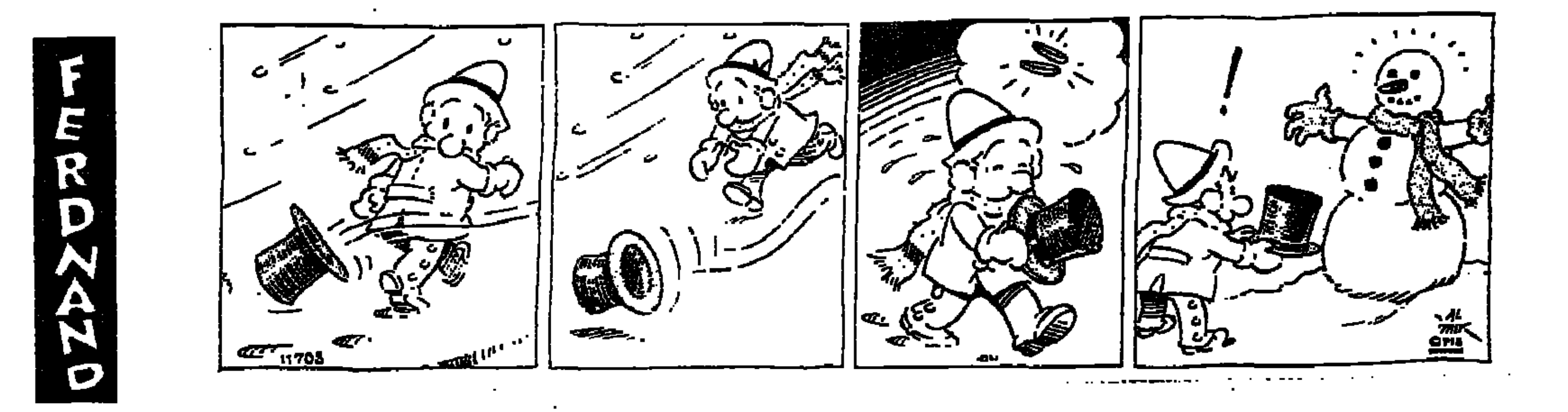

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Morning Concert" Piano Pieces by Rameau, Daquin and Couperin (Varda Nishry): J.C. Bach: Quartet in D-major for Flute, Oboe, Viola and Cello (The Berlin Soloists): Mozart: Piano Concerto No.23, K. 488 (Soloist: Clara Haskil); Brahms: Serenade No.1 in D-major, opus 11 (Conductor: Istvan Jertesz); 9.55 English News. 10.05 Rossini: Introduction, Theme and Variations for Horn and Piano (Yakov Mishori and Alexandra Melamed); Bizet: "L'Arlesienne," Suite No.1 (Conductor: Leonard Bernstein); Copland: "Appalachian Spring," Ballet Music (Conductor: Walter Suesskind). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary School 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary School. 12.35 "Midday Concert" — Khatchaturian: "Gayaneh," Suite. 1.05 At Midday. 1.25 "Chamber Music" *Arensky:* Trio in D-minor for Piano, Violin and Cello (Leonard Pennario, Jascha Heifetz, Gregor Piatigorsky); Martinu: Duo for Violin and Cello (Heifetz — Piatigorsky). 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering Your Knowledge." 3.30 Talmud lesson. 4.05 "Tunes for Twens" "The Power of Music." Second Programme produced by Danny Orstav 5.05 "Classical Request Programme for Soldiers" produced by Paul Landau 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures" 6.25 "Till 120" 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today" 7.25 Light Music 7.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, chaps. 49 and 50 8.05 Reminiscences of Eretz Yisrael. 8.15 "Towards the Concert" 8.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (direct relay in Stereo from the Jerusalem Theatre) — Testimonium (founded by Recha Freier) Conductor: Ischiardo (Guest from Spain), with Soloists and Choir. Benzion Orgad: "Torments of Deliverance"; Leon Shidlowsky: "Akiva Ben Josef" Lukas Foss: "Lamdeni"; Yaakov Gilboa: "Klonimus" 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "The Strategy of Negotiations and International Treaties." 12.05 A Moment of poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Hebrew songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 Hebrew songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew songs. 2.10 "Longplay Crossword puzzle" — with Ehud Manor. 3.05 Requests 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Passport to Song." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Passport to song (cont.) 5.05 "With soldiers" 6.05 Oriental songs 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "After the Battle." 10.05 "This Opposite That" 10.50 light Music. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 Jazz 12.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News 8.05 Song and melody.

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7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian 9.00 Close Down.

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5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
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7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
1.55 a.m. (1st programme);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 pm. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

6.05 Early Morning Tunes — greetings 6.55 For Soldiers and their families. 7.05 Morning tunes. 7.55 Programme trailer 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests 9.55 "There are problems." 10.05 Requests. 10.55 With Uri Sela 11.05 Warm and Tasty 11.55 Tamar Maroz suggests. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Reminds Me" with Hanna Zemer. 1.55 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements 2.15 Entertainment programme with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer 3.05 Entertainment programme (cont.) 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody. 6.05 "From the War." 7.05 "From Her to You" — with Edna Peer. 9.55 New Song Corner. 8.30 By Request. 10.05 Let's Talk — with Nathan Donevitz. 11.55 "Midnight Talk." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel 12.30 "Night Birds" — with *Uri Lotan* and Pnina Bat-Zvi. 2.05 "Radio stage" 3.06 Tunes in the night.

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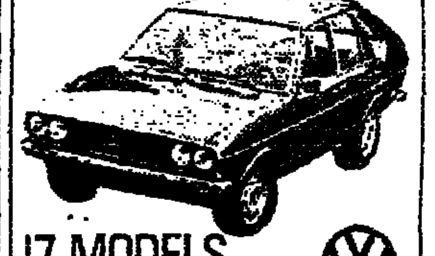

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Defence spending to create massive industrial growth

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

INDUSTRIAL investment showed signs of flagging in 1973, prior to the outbreak of war, and the war itself created new uncertainties. Yet Israel stands before an industrial expansion programme of unprecedented size, according to Yeshayahu Stopper, Director of the Investment Centre.

The thrust will be in two sectors. The first is the metals and electronics industries, to be boosted by orders from the Defence Ministry. The second and bigger advance will be in chemicals.

Mr. Stopper recalls that in 1967-68, after the Six-Day War, the defence authorities adopted an aggressive development policy. "They may have made mistakes here and there," he concedes, "but they managed to spark off a revolution in Israel's technology."

During the last two years, armament policy was more cautious. "I fear this caution may continue — in the present subdued atmosphere.

"You see, industry will only undertake a new investment drive if it is deluged with orders for the next four of five years." That requires bold decision-making by the Government. The easy way out is to meet immediate needs by buying weaponry abroad. When confidence ebbs, the military authorities always have this soft option — of living from hand to mouth.

But Mr. Stopper hopes — for industrial, not strategic reasons — that they will resume instead their all-out effort to achieve national self-sufficiency in military hardware. There will be a spurt in the relevant industries anyway, he adds. How great it is depends on the push from the military.

Massive growth is scheduled for the chemical industries, involving investments — in two main branches — of something like IL3,000m. over the next three or four years.

The first branch is petrochemicals. Main projects are expansion of Israel Petrochemicals; creation of a basic oils plant by Paz, Sonol and Delek in partnership with Haifa Refineries; expansion of Israel Electrochemicals, which manufactures PVC; and creation of a new ethylene-cracking plant. Also on the cards are factories for making aromatic materials and synthetic rubber.

The second branch is basic chemicals. The Periclase Company, which manufactures magnesium oxide, will double its output potential. Haifa Chemicals is now operating almost at full capacity, after protracted teething troubles. It will double its production of potassium nitrate. Another factory is planned to make a different fertiliser.

The boom in primary-material prices has made Israel's potash, phosphate and associated industries highly profitable. Attention is being given to the possibility of selling part of the Government's share to private investors, mainly foreign — which would tap new capital resources for the inorganic chemical industry.

Plans are also under study for the stimulation of other areas of industrial investment. Mr. Stopper points out that the chemical industries will not provide many additional jobs, because they are highly automated. They probably will not create much more than one in-plant vacancy per million pounds of investment — which means (in direct employment) only 4,000 or 5,000 new openings; though a high proportion will be for professional and technician personnel.

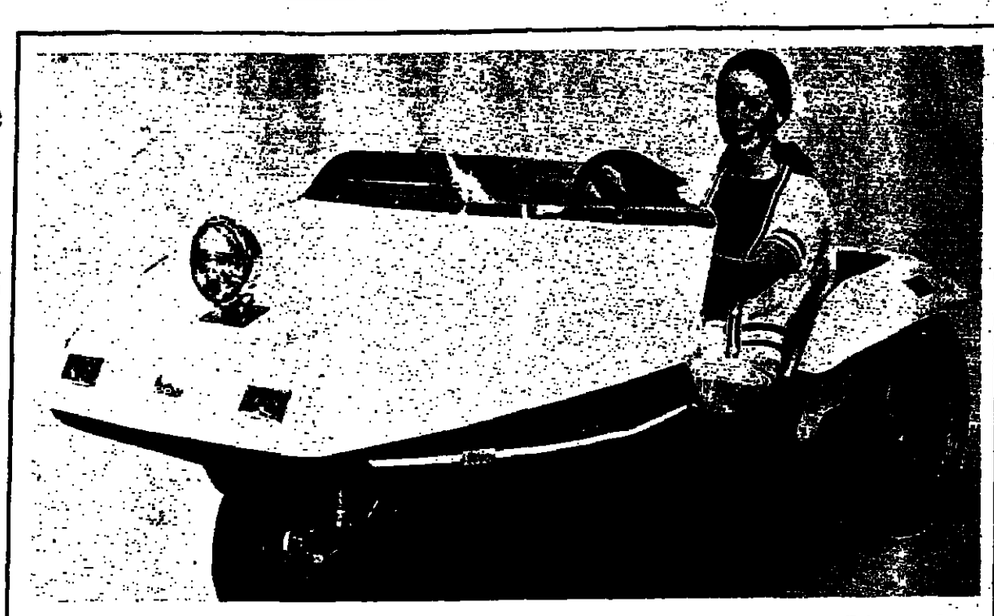
Therefore a committee (headed by Ernst Japhet, Managing Director of Bank Leumi), which is studying investment policy on behalf of the Economic Advisory Council, is about to recommend bigger Government loans for industrial development, it is understood.

At present these loans supply 33 per cent of the capital required for plants in the centre of the country (the coastal area from Nahariya to Ashkelon), 40 per cent in "B" Development Areas, and 45 per cent in "A" Development Areas.

The Japhet committee recommends an additional 10 per cent for each zone — but at interest charges close to the going market rate.

This is in response to criticisms of "cheap" subsidised loans, made both by the Bank of Israel in its recent report on the means of payment, and by the Patinkin committee on budget policy. Development loans at present cost 6.5-9 per cent depending on the factory's location. The recommended extra 10 per cent would cost an interest of 15-16 per cent.

Questioned about this, Mr. Stopper expressed his conviction that such a loan increase would be taken up, despite its higher cost. Israel is short of investment banks, and industry badly needs more long-term loan capital, in order to finance expansion, he says.



Spurred on by the success of an earlier model, EVI Inc., of Sterling Heights, Michigan, has prepared a prototype of its 1975 electric-powered vehicle, scheduled for production this autumn. The battery-operated vehicle is capable of speeds over 40 kph. The two passenger, three-wheel vehicle has a range of 75 kms. before recharging is necessary. It will retail for $1,200. (UPI)

OIL CRISIS LEADS TO RAIL BOOM

Railways make a comeback

LONDON (AP). — As oil shortages become more and more acute, goods and people will increasingly be moved by rail, Henry Sampson, editor of the authoritative "Jane's World Railways," predicted last week.

In a foreword to the 16th edition of the 602-page reference book, Sampson wrote:

"With no non-oil burning power unit for road vehicles as yet even on the horizon, except battery power for local running, the more important it becomes to find an alternative which will reduce transport consumption of oil fuel, particularly in view of a probable escalation in its cost.

"For the immediate future the railway is the only obvious answer."

Sampson suggested that, as is done in some parts of the United States, road trucks should be switched to rail from the point of origin to the point of destination, where they would then proceed independently to the point of delivery.

Special railways should be built specifically to operate truck-carrying trains.

"There would be a considerable saving of fuel and a marked improvement in the environment," wrote Sampson, who suggested that construction and maintenance costs be borne by public funds.

Sampson praised Japanese, French and British high speed developments:

"The Japanese, with their Shinkansen, have proved that completely new high speed railways with few stops, designed and built for a specific purpose — in their case passenger transport — can be a profitable operation and of benefit to the nation.

"It is surely not placing expectations too high to anticipate that similar results would eventually accrue from the construction of new high speed railways specially designed to transport heavy road vehicles."

Sampson continued: "The next generation of even higher speed trains is exemplified by two prototypes at present undergoing stringent testing — the French TGV 001 and the British ATP-E. These are streamlined, articulated and powered by gas turbines, and are designed to operate at speeds of 250-300 kph.

Sampson, who has edited "Jane's World Railways" for 25 years, retires with publication of this edition, and is succeeded by Paul J. Goldsack.

TIBERIAS HOT SPRINGS PROJECT DEFIES SLUMP IN TOURISM

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

SEVERAL Israel industries have been adversely affected by the October War, but none so much as tourism. Most hotels are half-empty. Some have closed down or have been leased for other purposes (accommodation of new immigrants, hostels, etc.). Attempts to revive the tourist traffic have met with little response. It is all the more astonishing, therefore, to find a major project in this field being pushed as if nothing had happened, the more so as it is being promoted in close cooperation with foreign investors.

The project is that of the Tiberias Hot Springs Company, an affiliate of Africa Israel Investments, Ltd., which sold one half of the company's shares to the Bank fuer Gemeinwirtschaft, the German equivalent of our Bank Hapoalim, four years ago. There is, however, a special angle to this project: it is not intended for ordinary Jewish tourists, coming to this country for sentimental reasons, or ordinary non-Jewish sun-seekers and pilgrims. It is aimed at developing an international health resort on the shore of the Kinneret which will attract people — mainly from northern Europe — in search of a cure for rheumatic ailments. The advantages of this resort would be the almost unique combination of springs famous for their healing power, marvellous scenery and a warm climate. The latter consideration is particularly important for rheumatic patients, enabling them to come to Tiberias through the entire winter season. The resort is, therefore, not expected to compete with the European spas, but to complement them.

From the economic angle, too, the project differs from other tourist schemes in that the patients coming to the spa would spend several weeks in Tiberias instead of a couple of days, and their attendance would be less affected by the ups and downs of changing fashion, or by cost considerations. A relatively small number of participants could, therefore, provide a substantial and fairly stable revenue. In fact, if successful, the health centre could start a new era in Tiberias tourism, and bring new life into the town's flagging economy.

A precondition for success is, of course, first and foremost a high standard of medical treatment and of the ancilliary physiotherapy services, which have made great strides in the past decade. While the existing mineral bathing facilities will remain the core of the health project, they will be supplemented by an up-to-date thermo-mineral water and physiotherapy centre as well as by a medical clinic for the treatment of rheumatic ailments.

The clinic has been financed by a grant from Mr. Bernard Shine of London, and the entire scheme has been worked out with the active participation of Dr. Rodney Graham, head of the rheumatological department of Guy's Hospital, London. It will be implemented under the supervision of the Israel Ministry of Health, while the clinic will operate in close collaboration with the rheumatological department of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa (which is headed by Dr. Yehuda Sherf, who studied under Dr. Graham).

Around this medical core, substantial hotel development is now taking place. The Ganei Hamat bungalow hotel — on the Kinneret sea-shore — has been expanded and modernised, and various recreational facilities added to it. This three-star hotel now contains 200 beds. A 92-bed hotel with special facilities for the handicapped (wide doors and corridors for easy movement of wheelchairs, no steps, etc.) is under construction close to the baths; and a 220-bed, eleven storey, four-star hotel is nearing completion, being scheduled to open next April.

The investment involved will amount to about IL30m. (including IL4m. for the medical clinic). But that is only the beginning. The company has already acquired plots for two additional hotels — one for middle class visitors and one for the rich — that would bring its total accommodation facilities to 1,200 beds. And it expects many of the health centre visitors to stay in other Tiberias hotels as well.

It goes without saying that the partnership with the German group is of great importance for the scheme's success. Bank fuer Gemeinwirtschaft paid close to $1m. for the half of the Tiberias Hot Springs Company's shares it acquired in 1970, and this has facilitated the financing of the project. But what matters most is the link that has thus been created with the German — and North European — trade unions, with their mass membership of well paid workers, accustomed to travelling abroad and increasingly interested in modern medical treatment. Having acquired a stake in the Tiberias spa, the unions will, of course, make use of it. Inquiries on behalf of groups of visitors are already coming in, and the THSC management expects full occupancy of the new hotels within a short time.

Alitalia back to full schedule

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

Rising confidence in the tourist industry's full recovery within the next few months has prompted Alitalia to announce resumption of its full schedule of daily flights. The new timetable comes into effect on April 1.

Following the slowdown in tourist arrivals after the October War, Alitalia was one of the foreign companies that trimmed their schedules. It is currently operating three flights a week to Ben-Gurion Airport.

Announcement of the expanded flight programme coincides with an interim solution to a budding controversy with regard to Alitalia's management of Lufthansa's passenger and freight handling operations.

The Transport Ministry's Civil Aviation Administration, which last year informed the Italian airline that these operations should be handed over to El Al by March 1, has now agreed that the existing arrangement be extended to October 1.

In the meantime, efforts will be made to accept a permanent solution which will be satisfactory all round.

Part of Alitalia's 25-man staff engaged in handling services faced dismissal and threatened to stage a protest strike. With the post-war cut in Alitalia's schedule, the staff was more occupied in handling the West German airline's six passenger and two cargo flights weekly than in servicing their direct employer's aircraft.

OPIUM FOR MEDICAL USE IS IN SHORT SUPPLY

GENEVA (AP). — Growing demand and dwindling stocks in recent years have created at least a temporary shortage of opium for medical use, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.

Its 1973 report, published here on Monday night, said the U.S. last year offered to release opium from its own special reserves to American manufacturers to allow other countries to buy morphine, codein and other opium derivatives in case of need.

World opium stocks controlled under the International Narcotics Conventions declined from 1,785 tons in 1963 to 737 tons at the end of 1972, not enough to meet one year's need, the report explained.

It said these stocks do not include secret special reserves like the ones in the U.S., held by many governments to assure continued production of opium extracts for medical purposes. Details on these reserves are never published.

Released for discussion in the current meeting of the U.N. Narcotics Commission, the report said on the 1973 balance — excluding special reserves — the shortage of legally produced opium was between 185 and 400 tons, while anticipated production increases in India, the world's main opium producer, could eliminate the shortage by the end of this year.

Lilienblum gold up IL1,000

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The price of a kilogram of gold jumped by a cool IL1,000 in Lilienblum Street yesterday to set a new record — IL27,000.

Most of yesterday's interest was in dollars, especially $100 bills. According to estimates made by the dealers, between $500,000 and $1m. changed hands yesterday, with Arabs being the main buyers. The dollars (in $100 bills) went for about IL5.15, dollars in small bills, for IL5.10, and dollar checks, IL4.70.

The Swiss franc fell by five agora to IL1.55, the French franc by four agora to IL0.98, and the sovereign rose by IL15 to IL260.

The general index rose yesterday by 0.11 per cent to stand at 240.94.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Electricity shares soar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The official announcement that the government would buy Naphta and Lapidot shares now held by the public had its effect on another Government sponsored company: The Electricity Corporation.

A demand for 128,000 shares brought up the price by 4.5 points (almost ten per cent) to 51.5 points.

Financial circles point out that it is possible that the Government may also pick up all shares of the Electricity Corporation now held by the public at a much higher rate than they are currently quoted on the stock market.

Naphta and Lapidot were not traded yesterday due to the official announcement. However, on Sunday, Naphta stood at 68 points and Lapidot at 124. Since the authorities will now buy them at the announced rate of 90 and 180 points respectively, anyone buying these shares lately will make a nice profit.

There was a more cheerful air yesterday in the stock market, with some shares rising.

ILDC rose by 1.5 to 152 (37,000); and Ata "C" by 1.5 to 107.5 (25,000); but Bank Leumi fell by one to 250 (30,000).

The turnover in stocks, however, was a low IL769,000. Of this, IL109,800 was in the variables.

Index-linked bonds fell at first but later recovered. The turnover in bonds was IL12,671,000.

The Natad Dollar fell by two points to IL5.02. Some $191,000 was offered and some $119,000 traded.

		25.2.74	24.2.74
DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	250.7	251.2
6% Electric Corp. A	r	122.2	123.7
6% Electric Corp. B	r	181.6	183.5
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Elita 1985, Index 110.1	b	300	298
Bitahon 1982, Series 41	b	129.4	121
Bitahon 1989, Series 61	b	241.4	240
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	215.5	218.5
I.D.B. pref.	r	195	195
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	160	160
Union Bank	r	276.5	276.5
Israel British Bank	b	305	298
Discount Bank "A"	r	450	450
United Mizrahi Bank	b	155	154
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	320	320
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	250	251
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	213	213
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	128.5	128.5
Bank Binyan	b	220	220
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	218	218
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	175	175
Tefahot 6%	b	218.5	219
Tefahot	b	209	209
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	72	72.5
Hassneh Insurance	b	194	193
Sahar—"C"	b	247	246.5
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70	70
Delek C.	r	140.5	140
Cold Storage—IL10	r	174.5	174.5
Israel Electric Corp.	r	86	81.5
Lighterage & Supply	r	157.5	158
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	179	179
Africa Isr IL10	r	258.5	256
Isr. Land Dev.	b	252	180.5
Solel Boneh—10%	b	129	128
Property & Build.	r	176	173
Isras	b	136	136
Mehadrin	r	196.5	199
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	82	81.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	156.5	156.5
Neot Aviv	r	70	68
Fri Or Ltd.	r	165	165
Rassco—8%	r	78	79
Rassco—O.	r	63	62
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	470	475
Elco—3.5	b	94.5	94.5
Electra—5	r	179.5	180.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	285.5	286
"Ata"—C	r	107.5	106
Dubek	b	352.5	355.5
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	172	173
Teva	b	890	890
Chem. & Phosphates	r	57	57.5
Lewin Epstein	b	64	64
Moller Textile	r	160	160
Phoenicia—8%	b	82	89
Paper Mills	r	383.5	384
Assis "B"	r	201.5	205
Nechushtan	b	256.5	257.5
Shemen—8%	b	121.5	122.5
"Tasi" Plywood	b	210	210
Elite (A)		280.5	280
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	82.5	83
Eilern	b	158.5	158.5
Israel Central Trade	r	198.5	202
Bank Hapoalim	b	227	222
Paz	b	94.5	93
Wolfson IL10	b	89.5	89.5
Ampa	r	108	108
Discount Bank	b	183.5	185.5
United Mizrahi	b	98	98
Bank Leumi	r	179	179.5
Piryon Investment	r	88.5	88.5
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	62.5	62.5
Export Bank	b	58.5	58.5
Clal Investment	r	178	178
Clal Industries	r	171	171
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	—	67.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	—	124

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PRICES MIXED

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock market prices were mixed yesterday, drifting without a pattern in light trading.

Brokers said some traders were taking profits after the strong gains recorded by many issues last week. They also said it appeared many investors had withdrawn from the market until they could hear what President Nixon would say in a televised news conference scheduled for last night (early today Israel time).

Gold stocks generally gained strongly as gold prices set more records in European markets.

The Dow Jones index of 30 industrial stocks closed down 4.61, at 851.38.

Airco Inc	13	Cont Can	34½	John Joh	18⅝	Rosn Sel	4⅜
Alcan Alu	35⅜	Cont Oil	44½	John Man	104	Rockwell Int	25½
Allied Ch	45⅞	Cont Tel	17⅞	Jon Lau	20¼	Royl D	33⅞
Allied Str	21⅛	Cont Data	38½	Kais Alum	22½	Russ Tog	8½
Allis Chal	10⅛	Corning	81⅞	Kenn Cop	42⅞	Safeway	41
Alcoa	47	CPC Intl	33¼	Koppers	47⅝	Schering	69⅝
Am Airlin	11⅜	Crane Co	19¾	Libb O Fd	27⅞	Scott Pap	16⅜
Am Bdcst	24⅝	Crown Cork	21	Ligat My	30⅝	Sears Roe	67¼
Amer Can	28⅞	Crwn Zell	34⅞	Litton Ind	9¼	Shell Oil	56⅝
A Cyan	21½	Dan River	8⅞	Lockheed	5½	Singer Co	35⅞
A Home	37¾	Deere Co	45½	LTV Corp	11⅝	Smits KF	48⅝
A Mtl Clx	46⅞	Dist Seag	44½	Macy RH	18⅝	Sony	26⅞
Amer Mot	10⅝	Dow Chem	88¼	Magnovox	7⅛	South Ry	47¼
A Sneft R	26	Dress Ind	53½	Mfrs Han	38	Sperry Rnd	40¼
Am Stand	32⅝	Dupont	165½	Marath	44¼	St Brands	62
Amer T & T	52¼	East AirLns	7	Marvor	25	St Oil Cal	29
AMF Inc	20⅝	E Kodak	100	Marsh Fd	19	St Oil Ind	98⅝
Ampex	4½	Eaton	26⅝	Martin Mar	18⅝	St Oil Oh	63
Anaconda	29	El Paso NG	14⅝	Matsush	17⅞	Sterl Drug	28½
ASA Ltd	30⅝	ESB	26⅞	McDon D	19⅞	Stu War	33¼
Atl Rich	99	Esmark	32¼	Merck	77¼	Sun Oil	45¼
Avco	7⅛	Exxon	94⅝	Minn MM	75⅝	Teledyne	15¼
Beckman	31⅝	Fair Cam	58	Mobil Oil	46	Tenneco	32¼
Bell How	23⅝	Firestone	16	Monogm	4⅞	Texaco	28¼
Bendix	25½	Fst N City	39¼	Monsan	57⅞	Texas Gulf	35
Benguet	4½	Fluor Cp	48½	Moor McCor	15⅝	Texas Instru	108⅝
Beth Stl	34¼	Fd Fair	8⅛	Morgan J	63½	Textron	22
Boeing Co	14⅛	Ford Mot	45⅛	Nabisco	32⅝	Transwair	16⅝
Bois Cas	17	Gen Dynam	22⅝	Nat Cash R	37⅞	TriCon	62⅞
Borg War	19⅝	Gen Elect	57¼	Nat Distil	13	TRW Inc	19⅝
Braniff	11⅞	G Fds Corp	28½	Nat Indust	12⅞	Twent Cent	6¼
Brist My	45	Gen Mills	69⅝	Nowest Air	28	UAL Inc	36⅞
Brunswick	16⅝	Gen Mot	50¼	Occ Pet C	19⅛	Unil Ltd	—
Burl Ind	82	Gn Tel El	24⅞	Olin Corp	14⅛	Unil NV	40
Burroughs	187	Gen Tire	15½	Otis Elev	36¼	Un Carbide	35½
Camp Sp	35¼	Genesco	6½	Owen Ill	33½	Uniroyal	9
Can Pac	16⅝	Georgia	38	Pac Gs El	23⅞	Unit Aircraft	54½
Canal R	12⅞	Getty O	141¼	Panam W A	4⅞	Unit Brands	7⅞
Castle Cke	15⅝	Gillette	37⅞	Penn Centrl	3½	US Indust	7½
Cater Tr	60	Goodrc	17⅛	Pepsi Co	63½	US Steel	48
Celanese	30½	Goodyr	17	Pfizer	38⅝	US Tobac	12⅝
Cerro Cp	16⅝	W R Grace	25½	Phelps D	48	UV Ind	40⅝
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Chesie Sys	67	Gulf Wn	25¼	Polaroid	75⅞	Wn Un	14⅝
Chrysler	17⅞	Hew Pack	79	Proct GM	85⅝	Westg Elec	31⅞
Cities Svc	55	Honeywel	74⅞	Qukr Oat	24⅝	Weyerhs	35½
Coca-Cola	112⅞	Howmet	24½	Rabystos M	39¼	Woolworth	17⅞
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Probate File No. 71/74

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Petitioner: Maria Magnana Miguel de Sabella, holder of Colombia passport No. F-008292 and Colombia identity card No. 22.345.631 (Barranquilla) from the City of Baranquilla, Carrera 42A No. 30-115, Colombia, South America, represented by Aharon Asa, advocate of 6 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Jerusalem.

CITATION

Be it known that a petition has been filed by the Petitioner for an Order of Succession concerning the estate of the above mentioned deceased person. I hereby cite all persons who wish to oppose the granting of such Order to file in the said Court their opposition within 15 days from the publication of this citation, in default of which the Court will issue any order it may see fit.

J. WEISS, Judge

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KISSINGER IN DAMASCUS

THERE are good prospects, but no certainty yet, that Secretary Kissinger will obtain from Damascus the lists of PoWs and the permission for the Red Cross to visit them, without which no disengagement talks can begin. The signs are, nevertheless, encouraging and give reason for hope. It is fair to assume that the Secretary himself would not have embarked on his current trip had he not expected — with good reason — to break the impasse. Statements by Egypt's President Sadat over the weekend show that he too expects that this fundamental Israeli precondition will be met.

But even if disengagement talks with Syria do now get under way, they are likely to be far tougher — and probably far longer — than those successfully concluded with Egypt.

Jerusalem does not set much stock by Syria's hard-line public pronouncements, preferring rather to wait and see what disengagement proposals Dr. Kissinger brings with him from Damascus. For this much is clear: if Syrian maintains in the disengagement talks the posture that it has adopted in its public pronouncements there can be little chance of progress.

Syria's demand for a slice of the pre-1973 Golan Heights now is totally unacceptable. For Israel to concede any part of that territory under a disengagement accord would be, as Mrs. Meir has said, to award a "bonus" to Syria for having attacked on Yom Kippur — and having been defeated and driven back. Mrs. Meir's assurances to the Golan settlers that this was Israel's unalterable position were understood by the public here — and rightly so — not as the opening gambit in the negotiating process, but as the definitive statement of Israel's policy.

Obviously, a great deal will depend this week and in the subsequent weeks on America's efforts to persuade and cajole the two parties towards a settlement. The U.S. has important interests in seeing a disengagement effected in the north. It would open the way to further Israel-Egypt progress in the south, and also — hopefully — to the lifting of the oil embargo by the Arab producers.

The Soviet role will undoubtedly be a key factor in the disengagement talks — whether it is enacted on the public stage at Geneva or behind the scenes.

If, as we must hope, the Soviets too are interested in Israel-Syrian disengagement, then there is a real chance that it will be attained. Soviet interest in the reopening of the Suez Canal enabled the disengagement talks in the south to proceed under Dr. Kissinger's able guidance to their successful conclusion. If the Kremlin now believes that disengagement in the north would have to be achieved before Egypt could actually go ahead and open the Canal — then the Israel-Syria talks have an equal chance of success, though their progress may well not be so smooth.

Europe's dependence on U.S. grows as the world moves into recession

By MOSHE ATER

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

DR. Kissinger is coming to the Middle East again in an attempt to trade Israel's withdrawal from Syria for the lifting of the Arab oil embargo on the U.S. But even if he fails in his mission, the oil shortage is not likely to become critical. At the recent energy conference in Washington it played a very minor role. The fact is, that the world oil demand-supply position is once again more or less balanced. What is at issue is the higher prices and their economic repercussions.

Even in this respect, the situation is now more stable than it seemed a short time ago. While governments and the news media panicked, market forces worked, managers reappraised their plans, consumers adjusted themselves, and before long it turned out that there are no takers for crude oil beyond a certain price level.

The Japanese Mitsubishi company which had purchased oil from Nigeria at a peak price of $22.60 per barrel, subsequently cancelled the contract. Growing sales resistance is also reported from other quarters. Some observers feel that France may have been foolish in making massive long term deals for crude at the prevailing price level. In any case, the oil companies have probably learned their lesson. Faced with the alternative of direct government oil deals (bypassing them), and no longer sure of being able to pass any price hike on to the consumer, the companies may be more cautious in bidding against each other for the benefit of oil producers.

This may or may not mean that crude oil prices will decline in the course of time, because the role of oil in the world economy is undergoing a profound change. Its dominant position as a source of energy (45 per cent in the U.S., 62 per cent in Western Europe, 75 per cent in Japan) will doubtless drop as other sources — coal, gas, nuclear, etc. — are increasingly resorted to. The dependence of Europe — and probably of Japan — on imported oil will decline (by one half in the mid-'eighties, according to a recent OECD forecast). On the other hand, the use of oil for chemical processing is likely to increase in importance as a price factor.

All these, however, are relatively long-range processes. What is now termed the oil crisis is by and large the effects of the rise in oil costs on the price level and on world trade, due to the impending transfer of purchasing power from general demand to energy, and of huge funds from the oil-consuming, i.e. industrially developed countries, to the oil-exporting ones. A recent estimate puts the direct cost hike caused by oil at 6 per cent on the world average, but very unevenly affecting

With the days of cheap oil over, European prosperity is crumbling.

various industries and countries, and bringing in its wake serious dislocations and after-effects. The impact of the bigger oil bill on the payment of balances is expected to amount to $50b. in the current year. Of this at most one-fifth is expected to be used for additional imports. The rest will have to be paid in some international currency. The big question is whether the respective countries — rich and advanced though they may be — can afford such inroads into their reserves, and how they will react to them.

Some economists feel that this problem is largely imaginary. They argue that even if the Arab oil potentates accumulate huge spare funds they will have to put them to some use, i.e., deposit, lend or invest them abroad. The money will thus flow back — directly or indirectly — to where it came from. Of course, the Arabs will be earning handsomely on those financial deals, but the amounts involved need not present a serious economic nuisance.

Other economists are less certain about this automatic recycling. They feel that the spare funds accumulating in the hands of the Arabs will be used very selectively, and expect most of them to flow to the most secure financial haven, namely the U.S. They ascribe the flare-up in animosity between France and America on the oil issue to the fact that France has been forced to float its currency, and to borrow heavily in order to finance its oil bill, while the American balance of payments is benefiting from the new state of affairs, and the dollar rate of exchange has been strengthened by it. They expect most European countries to be in the red in the foreseeable future, with the U.S. financing them by means of the oil funds flowing to it. The funds will thus be recycled, but the triangular process may involve considerable strains and stresses.

Indeed, these strains and stresses already exist — not only in international finance, but also in domestic business activity, and they are strengthening the current trend to economic recession. "For more than 20 years Western Europe and Japan have prospered on plentiful dollars and cheap oil," writes "The Economist." "The oil powered the growth of industry (particularly in Japan), and dollars in profusion made easy markets for the products."

Now both of these factors have disappeared and it is therefore small wonder that European prosperity is crumbling. Incidentally, it began to deteriorate before the oil issue came to a head owing to the dramatic change in America's foreign trade and payments balance. Oil has only aggravated Europe's dependence on the American giant. And it is the reaction to this dependence — financial and political — which is at the source of the current crisis of Nato and the EEC. On the other hand, the worsened world trade outlook cannot but affect the U.S. economy, and strengthen its increasingly protectionist trend.

That the world is now moving towards recession is no longer a guess but an established fact. Last year the American GNP grew 5.5 per cent, while the forecast for 1974 is at best two per cent. Japan achieved an 8.5 per cent growth last year, and is now looking for-

Spiralling prices and wages in a flagging economy: Stagflation.

ward to only four per cent. In Germany the forecast for 1974 is 1.5 per cent, as compared to six per cent in 1973. The French economy grew by 6.5 per cent last year, and may expand by only half as much in 1974. Britain will be happy with zero growth. Economic activity is slowing down even in Canada, Brazil and Australia, while many undeveloped countries are facing a severe crisis owing to soaring oil bills and the diminishing inflow of aid and investment. The downward revision of Israel's export prospects has also been largely caused by this development. The question is: how slippery is this path to a world slump?

Are we going to see a repetition of the Great Depression of the 'thirties? This ought to be a ludi-

Competition for Arab money will be as fierce as fight for Arab oil.

crous question. After all, we know why things went awry then, and what has to be done in order to maintain full employment. Nevertheless, the question is being asked, and the steps recommended by well-wishing economists are applied tardily if at all. These recommendations can be summed up in one commandment — *reflate*. Expand demand and thus give a push to growth, both at home in accordance with the tried and proved Keynesian tenets, and abroad — by large-scale credits and aid to countries caught in a monetary squeeze, in order to revamp their purchasing power as well. Why is the Bundesbank maintaining a tight credit squeeze? "The Economist" has been asking vociferously: "Where's General Marshall?" (of the Marshall-Aid Programme). Needless to say that the trade unions have been clamouring for effective means to ward off unemployment and maintain the people's living standards.

Unfortunately, most countries now find themselves in a double monetary quandary, which hinders them from applying those policies. On the domestic scene flagging economic activity is now accompanied not by dropping, but by rapidly rising prices and wages. Growth or no growth, in most industrial countries prices have been going up by about 1 per cent monthly, and wages by more than that. Indeed, the spreading economic slowdown has been partly caused by the controls applied in order to check this stagflation. If the reins are loosened, credits expanded, the c. o. l. subsidized, the already rampant world-wide inflation is likely to get out of hand.

Let us keep in mind, that it was the promise to check inflation which brought Nixon to the Presidency. It is Heath's incomes policy which has brought him into open conflict with the trade unions. Rising prices and c.o.l. have been causing labour unrest in Germany, France and elsewhere. Everywhere governments are vacillating between policies aimed at maintaining full employment but jeopardising price stability, and those aimed at checking inflation at the cost of a slowdown.

On the other hand, national governments faced with such domestic issues cannot renounce their monetary sovereignty for the sake of keeping stable rates of exchange. And international lending and investment operations are facing increasing risks. Even mutual aid between the EEC members in encountering difficulties, their Joint Regional Development fund is proceeding at a snail's pace. And prospects of a massive concerted action for revamping world trade or for aiding underdeveloped countries are dim indeed. It is very unlikely that the recycling of Arab oil funds can be of much help in this respect. This money is likely to be the hardest and its use the most restricted. Neither does one see for the time being a readiness on the part of the U.S. to resume its previous role as "Universal Uncle." Or the readiness of other nations to gather under its umbrella and to welcome the spread of multinational companies controlled by their American headquarters.

This does not mean that we must prepare for Doomsday. But neither should we expect the monetary mechanism to work as smoothly as the textbooks indicate. The recycling of Arab money into the world economy can succeed only if it is accompanied by far-reaching political — even social — understanding both between the Western countries, and between them and the Arabs, i.e., by integrating the oil sheikhs into the Western-industrial framework. This is obviously the plan now being launched by the French. This is probably also what Yamani would like to achieve with the U.S. But one does not need to enlarge upon the problems involved, and the snags likely to be hit, in this process. Competition for Middle East money will be no less fierce than has been the competition for Middle East oil. All kinds of dirty tricks will be employed. And the implicit dangers are too obvious to need elaboration.

POSTSCRIPTS

IT is not often that a freak becomes a status symbol, but that is what has happened on a Canadian mink farm. In 1965 a breeder in Manitoba discovered in his flock (or is it herd?) a small male mink that had fur two to three times as thick as normal and that looked like sable. Five years of intensive breeding has resulted in a special mutation that occurs once in ten million times — a fur that has the appearance of sable and the durability of mink. There were only 150 coats of this fur, christened "samink," in 1973. This year the breeders expect to have 15,000 pelts, which will be available in five colours.

Who will buy these coats? Maybe Jacqueline Onassis, or the favourite wife of a nouveau riche oil sheikh — they're a throwaway at $11,000 per full length coat.

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THE oil embargo against Holland may or may not have been imposed because of the Netherlands' pro-Israel stand and while not all Dutchmen are pro-Zionists, many of them undoubtedly are. A 30-minute long tape of songs sung by non-Jewish children in Amsterdam in praise of Israel has arrived here and non-Jewish housewives in the little town of Steenwyk last week shipped to Israel 2500 pairs of mittens and stocking caps they have knitted for Israeli soldiers. Mrs. Wilhelmina Kurzer, General Secretary of the Dutch Zionist Federation, at present in Israel, has reported on these gestures and in addition says that Mrs. Meir has been presented with 100 letters and drawings by the pupils of a Jewish primary school in Amsterdam. *S.S.*

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THE State Revenue Administration, refusing to be left out in the cold, last week announced it too would make things easier for men still mobilized.

In a statement to the press, the Administration said offices of the Income and Property Tax Division would receive soldiers even during off-hours and on Fridays, when there normally is no reception of the public for payment of taxes.

According to the statement, "All regional assessment officers have been ordered to make themselves available to soldiers on leave, to enable them to settle their tax matters during their time at home."

A.S.

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IN a Jerusalem record shop, I was asking the clerk for a certain rendition of a work by the German-English composer George Frederick Handel. The clerk didn't know what I was talking about. A veteran Jerusalem musical type who had meantime walked into the shop offered to help and asked just what it was I wanted. I told him, pronouncing the name as it had come to be pronounced in England: HANdel. "No," he said, "HENdel." I said: "As far as I know, in English it was spelled and pronounced HANdel, though in German it was spelled Händel (Haendel) and pronounced HENdel." Said he: "I have studied and worked in music all my life, and I tell you that it is HENdel!" Said I: "I haven't studied music, but I did study languages, and though he was born HENdel, he died HANdel!" That was that: a bitter resentment that had apparently been rankling in the man all his life came erupting out at me: "What do you English — or is it American? — barbarians know about music anyway? All you know how to do is Watergate and hippies and drugs and pop-music and gangsters!"

I found the record I was looking for without his help: an Israeli Hebrew rendition of HANdel's "Judas Maccabaeus," whose "See the victorious hero" sequence, you may recall, the Imperial Japanese Naval Orchestra last December decided was no longer fit for playing at the national ping-pong championship medal-award ceremony on the grounds that it was a "Jewish marching song." *S.W.*

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READERS' LETTERS

Eventual fate of a Palestine state

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Those who incline to approve of the Palestine terrorist organizations' plans to establish a Palestine State to replace Israel, or an independent state adjoining a miniaturized Israel, unwittingly ignore an inherent factor of the problem.

I have lived here for the past 39 years and made friends with many Arabs who are now some of the middle-aged inhabitants of East Jerusalem and the West Bank of the Jordan River. I shall never forget the emotional reunion with them after the Six Day War, when we met following 20 years of separation. We resumed the friendship we shared during the British Mandate when we served together in the security forces or met at social gatherings.

The main topic of conversation when we meet now is the future of the Administered Territories. Our talks are friendly, frank and utterly devoid of hatred or jealousy, and they reveal the doubts and qualms they entertain about the fate of these territories. Within the four walls of their homes, they do not hide their misgivings about the possibility of a Palestine State coming into existence — a state which would be ruled by Yasser Arafat or George Habash, or some other terrorist leader. They are genuinely worried that the lives of the inhabitants of the Territories will become a hell on earth. They fear that the exiled Palestinian leaders, after victoriously returning to an independent Palestine, will launch a vicious wave of vengeance in bloody retribution against a population which had lived in peace and prosperity during the years of Israeli rule, instead of participating in acts of sabotage and terror aimed at the destruction of Israel.

My friends, who belong to that age group which makes up the majority of the Palestinians in the Territories, vividly remember the three years of the Arab Rebellion (1936-1939). It began as a revolt against the Jewish National Home and the British Administration, and developed into a campaign of terror and slaughter against those Arab families and individuals who did not follow the lead of the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini. They remember the dozens of village *mukhtars* murdered with their entire families, because they were suspected, without any real evidence, of having contacts with the British Administration. They remember the fearful fate which befell those leaders who opposed the Mufti. During the three years of the Arab Rebellion, about 5,000 Arabs died. Some 1,500 were killed in clashes with the British Security Forces and in Jewish reprisal actions, while about 3,500 were murdered by their own compatriots, many in settlement of personal feuds.

These memories cause this particular group of Palestinians deep worry and concern lest it happen again. They fear that the returning Palestinian "heroes" will spark off a bloody massacre of the civilian population as atonement for their sin of non-resistance to the Israeli occupation. They also believe that, once old accounts have been settled in a general blood-bath, the Palestinian State (if it comes into existence) will be swept by violent internecine warfare between the different Palestine terrorist movements as each attempts to grab power.

HAVIV KANAAN

Tel Aviv, February 2.

Fire at Dan Hotel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am writing this letter to you in connection with the fire in the Dan Hotel the night of January 5. I was one of the guests and had room 544.

The account of the fire as I experienced it follows: I woke up minutes after 2 a.m. I heard some shouting and running in the corridor. I wondered what it could be, I got up and opened the door into the corridor. Some smoke could be smelt. I did not think much of it but after a second look into the corridor and a stronger smell of smoke I decided to get dressed. A few minutes later, already dressed, I left my room and approached some other guests, five or six, at the end of the corridor who were looking for the staircase. We could not find a staircase and I warned the guests not to use the elevators which were just in front of us. Seconds after my warning the lights went out and we were enveloped in complete darkness. Lighting matches, I found my way back to my room. There was smoke all over. I opened my window and sat at the window until daylight, minutes after 6 a.m. At that time, I was finally seen by two fire-fighters who, after breaking down a door from another room on the fifth floor, led me to the roof of the fifth floor, from which other guests and myself were eventually rescued.

During the four hours of this experience, at no time did anybody knock on my door, phone me, try to get in touch with me in any way. It was inconceivable to me that all the energy expanded in the first three hours was directed towards combating the fire and none towards the rescue of the guests. The fact that there were no fatalities was sheer luck. When I finally reached the ground, nobody asked me for my name, nobody checked me off, nobody knew that I landed in the Accadia until I managed to get a call through to one of my relatives.

Before ending this letter, I have to point to some very serious shortcomings of the Dan Hotel. There are no emergency exits marked and, inconceivable as it is, there were no emergency lights. Once the lights went out, you were trapped. That should be remedied and fast. When the fire started I tried to phone. The phone was working but the switchboard was not manned, how come?

L. GOLDMANN, M.D.

New York, January 19.

Dan Hotels Corporation replies:

Every corridor in the Dan Hotel, depending on its size, has three, four or five emergency exits which are marked by a lamp over the door. There are also a number of lighted signs showing the way to the emergency exits. These were not working because the Fire Department, immediately on being alerted, instructed the Electricity Company to cut off the electric power. Normally, when the power is cut off, the emergency generator goes into operation immediately. However, the fire was unfortunately quite close to the generator and within a few seconds, the cables of the generator were damaged and the turbines clogged up with soot. Such a coincidence is extremely rare.

To prevent a similar breakdown, special emergency lamps are being installed which will provide light even when the electricity is cut off and the generator is out of action.

From the moment the Fire Brigade arrived, the staff who were going through the corridors to alert the guests, were not allowed to continue and were told to leave all action to the Fire and Police Departments — which was the correct course of action. The Fire Department undertook to check whether there were any guests still in the rooms and for this purpose, they were given several master keys, each of which fits every room. The Fire Department also refused to allow us to man the switchboard, as they would not permit anyone to enter the building or interfere with their work.

Our first aim was to take care of our guests. Three members of our reception staff were provided with guest lists to make a thorough check that everyone was out of the building. However, there were a few guests who, upon leaving the building, went straight to the hotel next door without informing anyone and booked themselves in. This naturally created some confusion. The fact that Dr. Goldmann was transferred to the Accadia Hotel, together with other guests, shows that care was taken of the guests. It may very well be that he was recognised by one of our reception personnel who were checking off the lists and that he automatically checked him off.

Efforts are being made to eliminate all shortcomings and ensure that safety precautions function efficiently; let us hope that we will never need them.

MICHAEL WITKON
Spokesman, Dan Hotels

Tel Aviv, February 18.

Guarantees for Israel

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Strange things happen in some professorial brains. In response to a Bnai Brith invitation, Professor Richard A. Falk of Princeton said that a negotiated peace settlement backed by the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and — get this! — the U.N. "would offer Israel more security than it has ever had before."

The only thing that would effectively guarantee Israel's security would be an American air and naval base *in Israel*. As America's physical presence in Europe is the last remaining deterrent, NATO having become a hollow shell without military value, so would American presence in Israel be a better guarantee than any amount of declaratory statements. Realistic thinking is needed, not childish trust, verging on imbecility, in Russian or U.N. "guarantees."

HARRY C. SCHNUR
(Presently Visiting Professor, Hebrew University)

Jerusalem (Stamford, Conn.), February 19.

No monopoly on religious

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is about time the truth be told loud and clear. The so-called religious parties do not represent the majority of religious voters, but form a vested interest pressure group seeing their selfish ends at the expense of a nation in the throes of an unfinished war.

These "religious parties" constantly and successfully turn away from Judaism those who look to the real values and great strength of the Jewish religion. This is done by claiming for themselves the monopoly on the tag, "religious," and by the hypocrisy and compromise which abuse the high ideals of Judaism when they are tools used to stir the corrupt brew of party politics. The "Who is a Jew" issue at this time is proof enough of that!

SHALOM ZAUSNER

Haifa, February 18.

Missionary activity

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The arson attempts at the three missionary centres were probably carried out not by misguided fanatics or lunatics, but in protest against a grave problem which exists here in Israel — the attempt by Christians to convert Jews.

Those who condemn the arson attempts should also condemn missionary activity in Israel. Most important, it is imperative that the government pass a law which would make missionary activities illegal.

M. BRANDWEIN

Jerusalem, February 20.

The long arm of justice

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On February 15, I received a summons from the Haifa Municipal Courts, claiming that seven and a half months ago (to be precise on July 1, 1973, at 9.50 a.m.) I had committed a traffic offence by leaving my car near a parking meter in Haifa without paying the requisite parking fee. The fine for this offence is IL20. On that particular date, I received no notification whatsoever of the offence; in fact, until two days ago, I was completely unaware of having parked my car at that spot in Haifa. But how can I prove this? I suppose that I shall pay the fine as I cannot take time off from work to argue the claims of the Municipality.

To pay the fine for a parking offence, a citizen is allowed less than one month. Surely the Municipality should claim its dues within a similar period of time?

MARION LUPU

Haifa, February 17.

Poor caption

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I object to the caption for the picture of Solzhenitsyn on the cover of your magazine of February 22, "Walking in Freedom."

There is a profound distinction between freedom and exile of which we in Israel ought to be well aware.

TADEK KORN

Jerusalem, February 24.

Israel is not 'charity'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I strongly object to Mr. Lawrence Gould's classification of support for Israel as "charity" for which, above all, he expects gratitude (February 17). Mr. Gould, I think, should give thanks all the days of his life to the Israelis for their valour and the sacrifices of their dearest and nearest — so that not only the Land of Israel, but the whole House of Israel may live — and who have given new dimensions, respect and meaning to the word "Jew" — a fact from which Mr. Gould profits greatly. What he and all of us pay in material terms for this is still pitifully negligible.

HANNAH KESSLER

Tel Aviv (Sydney, Australia), February 17.

Sylvia Raphael

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his article of February 18, Mr. Kohn compares the struggle of Miss Raphael with the case of Druse and Moslem soldiers fighting in the ranks of our army. He misses the essential point: the Druse and the Moslem soldiers do not want to become Jews — whereas Miss Raphael considers herself one of us, identifies with us, with our ideals, with our struggle, with our hard fate. And this has far more significance than any outdated, fanatical religious principles.

Dr. B. HOCHSTADT

Haifa, February 19.

Moshe Kohn comments:

Dr. Hochstadt misses the essential point of Sylvia Raphael's appeal and of my article: Miss Raphael, too, does not wish to become a Jew, she only wishes the State of Israel to recognize her as a Jew and grant her the benefits of being one without her doing anything to become one. Those Druse and Moslem soldiers also identify themselves with us, with our ideals, with our struggle and with our fate.

PEN FRIENDS

DANIEL AUGUSTO MENDES MARQUES (25), of S.I. 184/2756/D.D., Elvas, Portugal, is a soldier who would like to correspond in English, French and Portuguese with young Israeli girls. He studied arts and is interested in biblical archaeology and Semitic languages.

BANJIT SINGH (43), of F.14/93 Model, to have Israeli pentriends. He is interested in languages, stamps, books and films.

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